

Sermons of Walter Stafford Swetnam, PhD **(1900 – 2000)**

Minibiography

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DECISION ACC TO THE WILL OF GOD
"HE... BEGGED HIM NOT TO GO... WHEN HE WOULD NOT BE PERSUADED... THE WILL OF THE LORD BE DONE."

INT. - MAKING DECISIONS - YR CHOICE OF CAREER, CHOICE OF COLLEGE, ANYONE CHOICE OF TWO OR MORE COURSES, EMPLOYMENTS, ETC.
I WHEN OUR LIVES ARE COMMITTED TO GOD, WE CAN EXPECT HIS GUIDANCE IN THESE CHOICES
1. SOMETIMES CHOICES MADE FOR US BY SHUTTING ALL DOORS BUT ONE -- STHS ALL, IT SEEMS
2. STHS BY A VISION, OUR OWN OR OF OTHERS
"PAUL SAW THE VISION, HE SOUGHT TO GO..."
3. STHS BY COMMON PRUDENCE, TO AVOID DANGERS, CONFLICTS, MISFITS, *as in the case of Paul*
4. STHS BY UNREST OF SPIRIT -- TITUS MY BROTHER
5. STHS BY INWARD CONVICTION THIS IS RIGHT

II BASIS OF DECISION
1. RESULTS FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS
2. RESULTS IN TOTAL PLAN OF GOD
3. OFTEN IN MEETING OF MINDS -- "SPKG THRO SPIRIT, BEGGED HIM NOT TO GO... WE AND OTHERS BEGGED NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY GOING, MUCH TO BE LOST -- RIGHT, AT THAT. BUT OUT OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, ACTS, PRISON EPIS., HOW MUCH MORE?"

III THE WILL OF THE LORD BE DONE
1. IT WILL BE ANYWAY -- BUT HOW MANY POSSIBILITIES WITHIN IT?
2. NOT MERELY SUBMISSION, BUT COOPERATION
3. ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF LIFE -- TO BE SONS OF GOD, PART OF GOD, HIS WILL OUR WILL

Became Paul spent 2 yrs in prison in Philippi, where he had opportunity of meeting

"Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?..." It is not for you to know... But you shall receive power... and you shall be my witnesses..."

-- Acts 1:6-8
INT. - Independence Day - Polit. turmoil
I To Israel, Messiah was a political idea
1. Religious, too, but esp. political
2. Independence from Rome - for what?
3. Better off under Roman law and order
4. Look at the past - Egypt, Babylon...
5. A kingdom not of this world
II Freedom

1. Thank God for freedom -- political, economic. *Liberation theology*
2. Does God care about liberation? YES!
3. Does God care only for liberation?
4. Was colonialism wholly bad? Have not many countries, freed from colonial rule, "swapped the devil for the with rule, "live in fear of Russian invasion - Russians live in fear of us. Ps. 33:17
"A horse is a vain thing for safety" - horse, plane, ship, bomb... If we had courage and faith to say, "No more nuclear weapons" - even, "no more weapon"
6. Slavery long a fact of life. I Cor 7:21. Care nothing; but ...
7. As God's people, safe and free, whatever The Kingdom of God

1. "His visible kingdom of grace"
2. The church, the conscience of the state
3. Not to carry on political activity, but to declare God's will, call kings and rulers to obey God's law
IV Not for you to know Times and Seasons
1. False interpretation of SS has led many astray
2. Leave the future to God.
3. Accept worldly authority as fact of life, obey as far as possible, but

What I may know him, and the power of his resurrection... attain the resurrection from the dead."

10-11-- Philippians 3
INT. - Easter in the Fall
I Was Paul uncertain of his salvation?
1. Sounds like it - "if possible attain..."
2. But of. 1:21-23 - "I don't know which to choose - depart and be with X far better" or - 4:12-13, "I know how to... do all things thro X who strengthens me" - *Paul, not attained peace in the whole life and work of Paul*
3. The whole life and work of Paul bear testimony that he was not uncertain. *yet not*
II That I may know him *cf. sp. con. order*
1. Know HIM, not know about him *ye w/week*
2. Surely Paul could say he knew him -
a. I Cor. 8:1-2, "Have I not seen the Lord?"
b. I Cor. 11:23, "I received of the Lord..."
c. Gal. 2:20 - "I am crucified with X. X lives in me"

4. In all ways that we can know, a more... But still he strove to know - that sort of knowledge is NEVER enough. The more we know, the more we know we NEED to know!
4. Gal. 4:10 - X still to be formed in us

III The Power of His Resurrection
1. Not just the fact, but the dynamics of it
a. That "bodies are important" - to keep pure, sound as dwelling place of God
b. That we too live after death
c. That X's victory is *always* victory
2. These are principles by which we live
3. As we know then more and more, we know more and more, as he is formed in us.

As we know him more, we know more about him. 1. Paul's knowledge of himself

"Take ye out twelve stones" - Josh. 4:3

Int. - The Crossing of Jordan
the stones for the great stones
in human experience

I Twelve stones - building stones

1. Stones of Commemoration
Endurance of the stones - the stones
of the New Year - building stones

II Twelve stones - building stones

1. Stones of achievement
2. Boundary stones

III Twelve stones - building stones

1. Stones of adversity - dark
day foot against a stone
2. Stones of adversity - dark
day foot against a stone

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EDOMITES

"For the day of the Lord is near upon all!
As you have done, it shall be done to you,
Your deeds shall return on your own head."

Int. Obadiah, Bk. of M. meagerest in Bib

I Obadiah Preached against the Edomites

1. Descendants of Esau, living in Arabia
of Dead Sea, capital Teman (aft. Petra)
built high on cliffs. of. v.v. 3,4

2. Important bec. of mines, Hiway, port -
Recent excavations at El-Zion-Jeber

3. NT days Idumaea, Antipater was Idumaea
father of Herod the Great

II Judgment of God on Nation that Rejected
Israel after Exodus

1. Altho kindred people, refused passage
2. "Wise men" among Edomites - Scene of
Book of Job, possibly written there

3. Balaam typical of Edom -- knew God, of-
fered some worship, but rejected God's rule

4. A nation of predators, they knew God,
in some fashion, but rejected his law, they
chose, like Esau, to live by violence.

5. When Judah fell, gloated, rushed in to
seize all the booty they could.

III Edomites of Today

1. Nations of today think thselves invincible
but are confident in wealth, armament
2. People of today believe in God, reject
his rule - say, Yes, I believe in God, but
this business of forgiveness, loving your
neighbor, all the bunk; I'm looking out for
myself, I believe in God, but that's not going
to keep me from doing what I want to do

"Restore us to thyself, O Lord, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old!"

--- I John 4:21

Int. - Song, Old Time Religion - Lamentation, back of the earth

1. The Laments

1. Four acrostic, one non-acrostic poems
 2. Prob. by eye witnesses, not likely Jeremiah
 3. Critics say, "How could one who really lamented force his sorrow into such artificial form?" but the more profound the feeling, the greater need of noble language
 4. Restore us to thyself - city in ruins, temple destroyed, worship abandoned, people killed or carried away - Restore us!
- II But You Can't Turn Back the Clock
1. Jerusalem was indeed rebuilt, worship reestablished, but never the same again, not even similar

2. Service at Limestone Cove, 1923
3. Ps. 118:102 - Great gatherings in temple, smoke of sacrifices, joy and enthusiasm - try to repeat it now - ridiculous!

4. Julian, c. 350 A.D., tried to restore old Roman worship - the he was emperor, people laughed at it - even the Xianity weakened by easy laymen, even ministers half-converted or totally unconverted, still no turning back!

III What Then Do We Want Restored?

1. Restore us to thyself, and ... be restored - an ever renewed, renewing experience of God
2. Experience gained, not by slavish imitation of the past, but by adventuring new ways -- ex., Covenant Life Curriculum

3. A secure holding of all that God has revealed, in faithfulness and faith that he will still "redeem into all truth" *What's ahead was predicted at the Reformation but never happened. What's going on next, some of these people*

HOW CAN A MAN LOVE GOD....? --- I JOHN 4:20

INT. GREAT COMMANDMENT -- LOVE GOD SUPREME LY, BUT HOW? - JOHN'S QUESTION, PART LATER I HOW CAN WE LOVE GOD, WHOM WE HAVE NOT SEEN

1. JESUS, "WHO HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME"

-PAUL TIM 6:16 "DWELLS IN UNAPPROACHABLE LIGHT, WHOM NO MAN HAS SEEN OR CAN SEE" YET

- 1 PET 1:8 "WHOM, HAVING NOT SEEN, YE LOVED"

2. I JOHN 2:15, "LOVE NOT THE WORLD.....LOVE OF THE FATHER NOT IN HIM"
3. YET THAT DOES NOT MEAN TO SHUT OUT HUMAN LOVE, FOR "....IF HE LOVE NOT HIS BROTHER...."

II OUR LOVE FOR GOD GROWS OUT OF OUR EXPERIENCE OF HIS LOVE FOR US, FRGUNS, ET

1. PSALM 116 - "I LOVE THE LORD, BECAUSE"
2. SIMON THE PHARISEE - LOVE THE PROOF OF FORGIVENESS

3. I JOHN 4:10 "HEREIN IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US, AND SENT BROWNING, KARSHISH, THE ARAB PHYSICIAN WHO MUST LOVE ME, WHO HAVE DIED FOR THE LOVE TO GOD, AND ITS EFFECTS"

1. I COR. 8:2 "IF ONE IMAGINES THAT HE KNOWS ANYTHING..... BUT IF A MAN LOVE GOD, HE IS KNOWN BY HIM". LOVE TO GOD TAKES AWAY OUR CONCEIT, AND MAKES US CONSCIOUS OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

2. "WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD" WHEN WE LOVE GOD, HIS PROVIDENCE IS ALWAYS RIGHT AND GOOD - *Reckoning... joyous...*
3. I COR. 2:9 "YE HATH NOT SEEN.... GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM". AN INFINITELY INCREASING EXPERIENCE -- NOT ONLY THE GLORIES OF HEAVEN, BUT EXPERIENCE OF GOD

WE ARE SAVED BY HOPE --- ROM. 8:24 (RSV) IN (THIS) HOPE

INT. - SOLDIER IN WORLD WAR I WHO HEARD THAT AMNISTICE WAS NEAR, AND BEG. TO HOPE

1. HOPE - AN EXPECTATION OF GOOD
1. FAITH IS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD, HOPE TOWARD OURSELVES - RESULT, NOT CAUSE
2. HEB. 10:23 CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE
3. I PET. 1:3 BORN ANEW TO LIVING H.
4. I PET. 3:15 PREPARED TO MAKE ANSWER WHEN CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR H. IN YOU

I EXPECTATION OF FULFILLMENT OF PROMISES

1. PAUL - "FOR H. OF ISRAEL I AM JUDGED"
2. HEB. 7:19 BRING IN OF A BETTER HOPE

III THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

1. TITUS 1:2, "IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH GOD, WHO CANNOT LIE, PROMISED...."
2. I PET. 1:3 (ABOVE) BASED ON RES. OF X (HEATHEN) HAVING NO HOPE, WITHOUT GOD
4. SORROW NOT, AS THOSENO HOPE

IV THE HOPE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS GAL. 5:5

1. HOPE, NOT ONLY OF SURVIVAL, BUT OF BECOMING GODLIKE IN CHARACTER
2. REJOICING IN HOPE OF GLORY OF GOD
3. EPH. 4:4 CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YR CALL
4. I JOHN 3:3 EVERY MAN.....PURIFIETH HSELF

V PATIENCE OF HOPE I THESS. 1:3, Rom. 8:25

1. ROM. 15:4 PATIENCE AND COMFORT OF SS H
2. FAITH, HOPE, LOVE -- "MY HOPE? GOD, OURSELVES, OTHERS. I Thm. 1:3/above"
3. ROM. 15:13 "GOD OF ALL HOPE (I.E. GIVEN OF IT) FILL YOU WITH ALL PEACE AND JOY IN BELIEVING, SO THAT, BY POWER OF SPIRIT, YE MAY ABOUT."

"THERE'S A FLAG ON THE PLAY."

"AN ATHLETE IS NOT CROWNED UNLESS HE COMPETES ACCORDING TO THE RULES."

INT. - FOOTBALL SEASON - WONDERFUL TD PLAY

1. STMS BY MISTAKE WE JUMP BEFORE BALL SNAPPED

2. BUT HOLDING, CLIPPING, SLUGGING, NOT BY

ACCIDENT - MAY BE BECAUSE.....

A. THOUGHT THE REFEREE WOULDN'T SEE

B. THAT OPPONENT WOULD (MAYBE DID) DO SAME

C. THAT RULES DIDN'T MAKE SENSE ANYWAY

II NO RULES, NO GAME

1. WHY BOTHER WITH RULES - RUN WHEN YOU PLEASE

KICK WHEN YOU PLEASE, TAKE MORE THAN FOUR

DOWN - TRY TO GET THE BALL, TRY AND STOP US -

THAT ISN'T FOOTBALL, IT'S ANARCHY

2. ANY GAME - WE'LL CHANGE THE RULES, WE'LL

PLAY BY OUR OWN RULES, WE CAN'T BE BOTHERED

WITH RULES - IF YOU DESTROY THE RULES, YOU

DESTROY THE GAME - *any rule breaking takes away*

3. NOT ONLY A GAME - MANY PEOPLE ARE SAYING,

"WHY HAVE RULES OF CONDUCT? WHY NOT DO AS WE

PLEASE, AND HAVE FUN? OH, THAT'S MEAN! - LET'S

US DO THAT!"

4. NOT JUST MANNERS - ALCOHOL AND DRUGS, SEX,

STEALING OR OTHER DISHONEST PRACTICES, DIS-

REGARDING RIGHTS OF OTHERS, EVEN MURDER.....

5. STILL TRUE - NO RULES, NO GAME - AND IF

LIFE IS THE GAME.....

III THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (AND OTHER RULES IN

TABLE FOR OUR LIVING) ARE NOT JUST TO KEEP US

FROM HAVING FUN

1. NOH, YOU CAN'T MAKE HARD AND FAST RULES -

SITUATIONAL ETHICS - NOTHING NEW, ALWAYS SO

2. BUT GOD'S RULES ARE NOT ARBITRARY, BUT

REPRESENT BASIC PRINCIPLES - *IT = 3 1/2*

- RULES MAY CONFLICT, BUT FALSEHOOD ALWAYS

WINS, STEALING (UNCLE RUBE AND CANNON)...

3. CROWN OF VICTORY - MEANINGLESS UNLESS IT

MEANS WE HAVE WON - CAN'T WIN EXCEPT BY RULES

CALL TO THE MINISTRY

"Paul wanted him (Timothy) to go with him

-- Acts 16:3

Int. - Two weeks ago, Seminary Day -

Seminaries crowded, still not enough -

Need for more vocations, men and women

I How Does the Spirit Call People?

1. Thro the Word - "Purge me with hyssop"

- IF we know the Word, IF we read it, hear

(But not if we stay glued to TV)

2. Thro the Personality of some minister

- here, Paul - Me, Millard

3. Thro the sense of need - Who will go?

4. Thro love for the church, worship desr

II What Can Older People in Church Do to

Bring about *Vocations?*

1. Encourage children and youth to parti-

cipate, esp. in PYR and camps - Many come

to perceive vocations thro youth movement

2. We can't MAKE them go - they would ratl

go to movies, watch Dennis the Menace on TV

3. But if the parents are interested in

church program, children will be too

4. Read church papers, know what's going

on, seek acquaintance with ministers and

missionaries and other leaders

II What Can Youth Do?

1. Participate, as above

2. THINK seriously about it, listen for

a possible call

3. Seek seriously, sincerely, to find God,

plan for your life

4. Put God first in all of life

These days, many men of mature

BEFORE THE BAKE OF TEN I WILL NOT DESTROY

INT. - 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10, 67, 17

HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE TO BE WORTH WHILE?

1. HOW MANY DO WE NEED, TO HAVE CHURCH?

1. FOR SESSION, PRESBYTERY, CONG. MTO.,

BOOK OF CH. ORD. SETS QUORUM, HOW ACT CH?

2. STMS. RAINY SUNDAY NIGHT - 8 PRESENT,

5, 4, 2 - IS IT WORTH WHILE TO HAVE SERV?

3. WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO IN CH SERV?

A. EVANGELISM? SUPPOSE ALL PRESENT ARE XI

B. INSTRUCTION - FEW, WELL INSTRUCTED?

C. PRAYER - 2 OR 3 IN MY NAME

D. FELLOWSHIP - TWO AGREE....ASK

E. AN ACT OF WORSHIP, IN A DESIGNATED PL

AND TIME, WORTH WHILE IF ONLY ONE PRESENT.

(THEN WORSHIP AT HOME? YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T

II WHAT ABOUT ORGANIZATIONS IN CHURCH?

1. S.S., WOMEN, MEN, PYF, S. S. CLASS

2. WHAT ARE OBJECTIVES? STUDY, FLSHP.,

WORSHIP, XIAN SERVICE.

3. TO WHAT EXTENT IS CROWD NECESSARY?

4. SPECIAL PROBLEM OF PYF - *Smile. - but big*

II WHY GO TO CHURCH? HOW OFTEN?

1. PRESBYTERIANS "NONCENS" - BUT WHAT IS

MEANER CHURCH? S.S. 7 MORNING? NIGHT? PYF?

2. DO WE GO FOR POINTS ON A CHART? LIKE

KIMWIS PERFECT ATTENDANCE, 60% (?)

3. DO WE GO FOR WHAT WE GET OUT OF IT -

AND WHAT DO WE GET? INSTRUCTION, INSPIR-

ATION, SATISFY CONSCIENCE? FUN?

75.

LOYALTY TO OUR OWN CHURCH

1. WHAT CAN WE ADD TO IT BY GOING? ONE

MORE, IF NOTHING ELSE.

"YET IT PLEASED THE LORD TO BRUISE HIM".

-- ISA. 53:10

INT. - PALM SUNDAY TODAY, BUT THIS IS PASSION WEEK - PROPER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

17 1 THE SUFFERING SERVANT

1. ISAIAH WROTE LONG BEFORE, ABOUT SERVANTS - STMS. ISRAEL, STMS, AS HERE, A PERSON

2. EUNUCH, "OF WHOM SPAKE THE PT THIS?"

3. JESUS WAS THE ONE THAT IT FIT.

4. APOSTLES THOT AT FIRST IT WAS FAILURE

OF GOD'S PLAN -- PETER, "THIS SHALL NOT BE

5. JESUS, "THOUGHT NOT THE X TO SUFFER.....?"

11 THE SUFFERING WAS PURPOSIVE, REDEPTIVE

1. STORY OF KILLING THE HORSES - INFLECTION

SUFFERING, NOT IN CRUELTY, BUT IN LOVE, FOR

A PURPOSE

2. IS GOD CRUEL? DID X DIE MERELY BEC. A

MONSTROUS DEITY HAD TO BE PACIFIED WITH THE

SIGHT OF BLOOD? GOD FORBID!

3. YET HIS SUFFERING WAS NOT BY CHANCE, IT

WAS GOD'S PURPOSE -- BUT NOT HIS PLEASURE

4. IT WAS FOR US THAT HE SUFFERED. ISA. HE

WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS.....

111 WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE?

1. WHY WAS IT NECESSARY FOR ANYBODY TO

SUFFER? WHY COULD NOT GOD (ALMIGHTY) SIMPLY

DECEE OUR SALVATION?

2. A MORAL AND SPIRITUAL LAW INVOLVED HERE

-- PEOPLE NOT MADE GOOD BY DECREE

3. X DIED, NOT JUST TO SAVE US FROM HELL,

BUT FROM SIN. IF HEAVEN WERE FILLED WITH

UNREGENERATE PEOPLE, IT WOULD BE HELL

4. THE FATHER INFLICTED SUFFERING ON THE

SON - MYSTERY OF TRINITY, BOTH ONE. FATHER

PERFECT HEALTH

".....FAITH IN JESUS HAS GIVEN HIM THIS PERFECT HEALTH IN THE SIGHT OF YOU ALL."

---ACTS 3:16

INT. - CONTROVERSIES OVER FAITH HEALING

- BOGGS, HEALING AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

1 HEALING IS A FACT

1. NOT ALL MIRACULOUS, BUT OFTEN BORDERS

ON THIS. SOME DOCTORS HAVE SIXTH SENSE FOR

HEALING, E.G. DR. BUTLER; SOME NON-DOCTORS

2. "MIRACLE DRUGS", MARVELS OF SURGERY

3. YET STMS PEOPLE GET WELL WITHOUT MEDICIN

OR WITH IT, BEYOND ANY MEDICAL EXPLANATION

4. NOT ALL SUCH CURES ASSOCIATED WITH FAITH

3A. STANLEY JONES, ME 1942

11 WHAT PART HAS FAITH IN HEALING?

1. TEXT - "THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE"

2. MUSTARD SEED - DOES THAT MEAN THAT IF

WE HAVE ENOUGH FAITH WE CAN ALWAYS BE HEALD

3. PETER WAS CAREFUL TO SAY THAT NOT THEY,

BUT GOD HAD DONE THIS. IF IT IS GOD WHO

HEALS, DO WE SUPPOSE THAT WITH ENOUGH FAITH

WE CAN CONTROL GOD, COMPEL HIM TO HEAL?

4. CAN WE TRUST GOD WITH OUR HEALTH, TRUST

HIM TO GIVE OR WITHOLD, RENEW, RESTORE, OR

EVEN REFUSE TO DO THIS?

5. "CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD" - CAN WE

DO THIS? NO ACCIDENT THAT MISSIONARIES HAVE

LIVED IN HEALTH IN MIDST OF CONTAGION

111 NOT ONLY HEALING, BUT ALSO HEALTH

1. A GIFT OF GOD, NOT GIVEN EQUALLY TO ALL

2. WE CANNOT ASSUME IT IS ALWAYS GOD'S WILL

FOR US TO BE WELL. IF PERSECUTIONS, MARTYRDM

COME ACC TO GOD'S WILL, MAY NOT ILLNESS TOO

THE LANGUAGE OF PRAYER

INT. - AM. 8:26, "Groanings that cannot be uttered" - But our prayer must be uttered

1 Exhortation to Prayer

1. Let us pray - not "Shall we pray?" or "May we pray?"

2. "Let" is not asking permission, but

exhortation - cf. "Let me go swimming", vs.

"Let's go swimming" - "Windy, what's you and him fight"

3. Technically, "us" is subject of inf.,

practically, is hortative subjunctive, or

a sort of first person imperative

11 Language of Prayer

1. Second person singular imperative - not

third person - we pray TO God, not about him;

N.B. not to the congregation (Most eloquent

prayer ever addressed to a Western audience,

Don't do your preaching in the prayer

2. We don't command, we interest, still imp

3. Proper to pray TO X, TO Spirit, but

normal usage TO Father, THY Spirit, name X

4. Solemn style or familiar, HY Spirit, name X

5. If solemn style, learn to use it - NOT

"Thou wilt" Defective, thou wilt, he will;

non-defective, thou wiltest, he wilteth

111 Dependent Clauses

1. "Mighty" prayers, "ouldy" prayers

2. Sequence of tenses - may, shall, will,

after present; might, should, would aft past

Ex. Sp. 3:14ff, Phil 1:8-11, I Thes. 3:12-

Ex. "might" I Tim. 1:8

3. "Might" (power) not to be confused here

4. "Might" to indicate uncertainty M. 3:10

EX. 5. (Also, inflect. of pronouns - she and

"THE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE
.....THEY SHALL BEAR THEE UP IN THEIR HANDS,
LEST THOU DASH THY FOOT AGAINST A STONE."

--- PSALM 91:11

INT. -- PICTURE OF CHILDREN PLAYING ON
EDGE OF PRECIPICE, ANGEL WATCHING
I WE LIVE IN THE MIDST OF DANGER

1. SNAKE I ALMOST STEPPED ON -- HOW MANY
OTHERS THAT I DIDN'T SEE?

2. NEAR MISSES IN TRAFFIC -- HOW MANY OTHER
IF WE HAD STARTED ONE MINUTE EARLIER, LATER
3. CRENTES IN GARANHUNS DIDN'T HAVE BUSON
-- HOW MANY DEADLY GERMS IN EVERY BREATH?

II IF GOD PROTECTS, WE CAN DO ANYTHING!

1. JUMP OFF TEMPLE, AFTER ALL..... SNAKES

2. GO ON, TAKE CHANCES, GOD WILL PROTECT

3. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE TRIAL OF THE LORD

IV ARE PEOPLE ALWAYS PROTECTED? *Not always*

1. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, TO GOOD AND BAD ALIKE

2. SICKNESS, DEATH, IN PEACE OR WAR

IV SAFETY MEASURES *of Xians & Mos*

1. "WHAT IS TO BE.....IF YOU'RE CAREFUL"

2. MEDICINES, HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

3. PROVIDENCE AND POWDER DRY

V GOD TAKES CARE OF FOOLS AND DRUNKS

1. MISSIONARY DOCTOR, HARD BITTEN SERJEANT

2. OUR OWN FRANTIC EFFORTS TO PROTECT

OURSELVES OFTEN INCREASE OUR DANGER

3. PLAYING IT SAFE, WE'RE IN GREATER DANGER

4. "IT IS VAIN TO RISE UP EARLY.....SLEEP

CON. -- TRUST GOD, BE CAREFUL, FORGET DANGER

127. *Saving the time early - to be to eat*

End of my first Test

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

"The Lord used to speak to Moses face to
face, as a man speaks to his friend."

--Ex. 33:11a

INT. - Prayer goes a long way back -
even pagan peoples, with meager understandg
of God, prayed.

I Face to Face -- Did He really?

1. Just an exaggeration, gilded by time?

2. Perhaps in part, but without doubt

prayer meant much more to Moses, Paul, et

al., than it does to us. *Not a comfortable way*

3. Maybe Moses face to face - to us, like

II Long Distance Telephone

1. You talk, and listen, maybe you can't

hear, maybe not be heard.

2. Stms you hear, don't like what you hear

3. Stms the beloved voice comes oir & str

4. Stms we can't think of much we wanted

to say, but just to make contact is precious

(even when we are with the loved one, after

not much to say)

5. Stms like two-way radio - over -

stms no answer - did our sending get thro?

Is sthg wrong with receiving set? We try

over and over, same result. Or like SOS

sent out by sinking ship - Is rescue on way

and will it get there in time?

III Sweet Hour of Prayer - IS It Sweet?

1. IS there a telephone bill? Not in memo

of course (..... in secula seculorum 40 Cr

2. Was prayer easy for Moses? For Jesus?

Does it not always cost, in time, energy,

spiritual struggle? Pulpit prayer too long?

3. Those whose anxious spirits burn, with

strong desire for thy return..." left out

"WATCH AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO
TEMPTATION; THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT THE
FLESH IS WEAK."

-- MATT. 26:41

INT. - HOLY WEEK - JAMES' DEF. OF RELGN
I WE CAN SERVE GOD BY OUR GROWTH IN GRACE

1. QUESTION AT AUSTIN, "ALL THIS COUNSELING
DIRECTED AT SELF REALIZATION, SELF DEVELOPMT
OF INDIVIDUAL - SHOULD NOT EMPHASIS BE RATHER
ON SERVING GOD?"

2. MAN'S CHIEF END TO GLORIFY GOD, AND ENJO
HIM FOREVER - ISN'T OUR GROWTH IN GRACE THE
CHIEF WAY WE GLORIFY AND ENJOY GOD?

3. CHIEF SERVICE TO GOD IS FOR US TO BE HIS
PEOPLE - NOT IN AN IVORY TOWER, BUT IN EVERY
RELATIONSHIP OF LIFE - *James' warning*

4. "CHRISTIAN ACTION" MUCH EMPHASIZED - RIS
UP AND RIGHT THE WRONGS OF SOCIETY - BUT
XIAN ACTION MUST BE OUTGROWTH OF XIAN LIFE,
ELSE HERE "DOGOODNESS" *Being is not easy*

II TEMPTATION AND FALL OF APOSTLES

1. SELF CONFIDENCE OF PREPARATION - "ALL
THE REST MAY FALL AWAY, NOT I!"

2. SELF CONFIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE - WHY ALL
THE FUSS? I'M OK, I DON'T NEED TO BE CONCERN

"XIAN, DOST THOU HEAR.....ALWAYS....W. AND PR?

3. SPIRIT IS WILLING, FLESH WEAK - NOT
EXCUSE, WARNING. PAUL, LET HIM.....LEST HE FALL

III HOLY WEEK - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VIGILANCE

1. NOT "HOLY" IN SENSE OF SPCL VALUE OF SERV
2. NOT SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR, BUT GOD SAVE US
FROM INDIFFERENCE!

3. NOT ONLY HOLY WEEK - EX. REVIVAL, COMMUN
ALL OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF REMEMBRANCE

*Passing grade - 100 - too many
are trying to see how little they can*

"DESCENDED FROM DAVID ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, AND DESIGNATED THE SON OF GOD IN POWER.....RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD."

--- ROM. 1:3-4

INT. - THE ONLY REDEEMER OF GOD'S ELECT
1. DESCENDED FROM DAVID ACC. TO THE FLESH
1. ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE AMONG OUR ANCESTORS - WM. THE CONQ. - EVERY KING.....SLAVE

2. BUT THE FAMILY OF DAVID - PARTOOK OF DAVID'S GENIUS AND SANCTITY - ALSO PARTOOK OF --- REHOBOAM, UZZIAH, HEZEKIAH, JOSIAH, MANASSEH, ~~SEBASTIAN~~ BUT ZERUBBABEL TOO
--- JUDAH'S ADULTERY WITH TAMAR, DAVID AND BATHSHEBA, ATHALIAH, EVEN JEZEBEL
3. RUTH, TOO, THE ALIEN
11 CHRIST WAS TRULY MAN

1. WITH SUCH AN ANCESTRY, HE TRULY INHERIT OUR HUMAN NATURE, CRUELTY, SELFISHNESS
2. HE ALSO SHARED OUR HARSHIPS, POVERTY, HARD WORK, REJECTION, SORROW, PAIN
3. TEMPTED IN ALL POINTS.....WHO SO TEMPTED AS HE? IDIOT HAS NO TEMPTATIONS, BRUTISH MAN YIELDS BLINDLY, UNTHINKINGLY TO IMPULSE
111 DESIGNATED THE SON OF GOD IN POWER
1. NOT/ ALL KINGS' SONS ARE KINGS - WE ARE ALL, IN ONE SENSE, SONS OF GOD.

2. HE WAS SUPREMACY SO - THE SON OF GOD
3. IN HIS DEATH HE BECAME SUPREMACY MAN - IN HIS RESURRECTION, SUPREMACY SON OF GOD

"Who can endure the day of his coming?"
---Mal. 3:2

Int. - "Come, Emmanuel (Come, save us out of our trouble, leave us in our sins)
I The Messenger of the Covenant
1. Malachi "My Messenger"
2. John the Baptist applied to himself
3. The Covenant, "which ye love" - we bel. in the covenant, talk about it, even name churches and curricula for it.
4. But can we face what it means to be God's covenant people?

5. Most of us have a horror of being different - but that is of the essence of the Gov.
11 Who Can Endure the Day of His Coming?
1. Amos 5:18 - "Woe...desire, 'Day of Lord' darkness.....lion....bear....serpent..."
2. Malachi - "Yes, he is coming (how nice!) and he will be like fire, like soap... burn, secure, clean up his people!" *OK to work office*
3. His coming means that he does something to us. Can we face it? Can we endure it?

111 Can We Endure Christmas?
1. How cruel of people then, not to make room for a sweet little baby!
2. Herod must have sensed something here. The Pharisees and Sadducees, who had figured out a way to satisfy God's demands by going to church, and quoting the Bible, and making offerings, while still as corrupt, and making and selfish and unconcerned about others as ever - if they had guessed what that baby was going to grow up to be, killed him at once!
3. How pleasant at Xmas, to gift-wrap X so that he makes no demands, means nothing
4. But can we face what he really means, and still say, "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,"

"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH"
JOB 19:25

INT. - GREAT TEXT FROM OT, OFTEN SUNG
1. JOB, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. AUTHOR UNKNOWN, SETTING UNCERTAIN, NO MENTION OF JERUSALEM, TEMPLE, PRIESTS OR PROPHETS
2. THEOLOGY IN DRAMA FORM
3. THEME: CAN WE BELIEVE GOD IS ON OUR SIDE, EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, WHEN WE SUFFER?
4. JOB'S "COMFORTERS" GIVE SAME OLD WORN OUT ARGUMENTS:

A. OF COURSE GOD GIVES PROSPERITY, SUCCESS TO THE GOOD -- EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT

B. IF THINGS GO WRONG, IT IS PROOF OF SOME SIN, WHICH GOD IS PUNISHING - EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT
5. JOB - NO SUCH SECRET SIN - SIN, YES; BUT NOT LIKE YOU SAY

6. JOB - "NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I KNOW GOD IS FOR ME; AND SOME DAY IT WILL BE REVEALED".

11 REDEEMER

1. ROOT MEANING, ONE WHO DOES A KINSMAN'S PART
2. DERIVED MEANING, GOD, WHO SAVES HIS PEOPLE, FROM CAPTIVITY, FROM ANY AND ALL EVIL
3. EVEN FROM DEATH - NO DOCTRINE OF IMMORTALITY IN OT - OF CH. 17, ACCEPTED VIEW OF THAT TIME; BUT JOB SAYS, "IN SPITE OF ALL, I KNOW HE IS GOD I KNOW ALL THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO HIM. I KNOW HE WILL VINDICATE ME!"

4. THIS IS REAL FAITH

111 IN CHRIST WE SEE IT HAPPEN

1. IN INCARNATION WE SEE HIM "STAND ON EARTH"
2. IN HIS LIFE ON EARTH WE SEE HIM SHARE OUR LIFE
3. ON THE CROSS WE SEE HIM SHARE OUR DEATH
4. AND AT EASTER WE SEE HIM ALIVE, THE ASSURANCE THAT JOB'S FAITH WAS NOT IN VAIN, AND THAT OUR HOPE IS SECURE

BAPTISM -- WATER, SPIRIT, FIRE

"I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER; BUT...HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE."

- MATT. 3:11

"UNLESS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT JO. 3:5

"J. WATER, BUT YOU...BAP.SPIRIT, FIRE" ACTS 1:5

"...TONGUES AS OF FIRE...ON EACH" - ACTS 2:3

"...BAPTISM SAVES US, NOT REMOVAL OF DIRT, BUT

ANSWER OF GOOD CONSCIENCE...RES. OF X^M PET

INT. - PENTECOST - BAPTISM 3:21

I ORIGIN AND MODE OF BAPTISM

(NB INF BAPTISM NOT TODAY)

1. NO SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS IN SS - INFERENCE

IF CERTAIN MODE ESSENTIAL, SURELY SPECIFY

2. IN OT WORSHIP MANY CEREMONIAL CLEANSINGS

(CALLED BAPTISMS IN HEB. 9:10) MOSTLY BY SP

3. IN NT, MANY PASSAGES SUGGEST IMMERSION;

ESP WORD ITSELF; OTHERS SEEM TO PRECLUDE IT

4. FROM EARLY DAYS IN CHURCH, SPRINKLING

BECAME GENERAL PRACTICE, THO IMMERSION PER-

SISTED IN SOME AREAS, ESP. EASTERN CHURCH

5. AT REFORMATION, MOST REFORMERS, READY

TO BREAK WITH ANY CUSTOM, RETAINED SPRINKLING

II MEANING OF BAPTISM

1. BAPTISM WITH THE SPIRIT IS OUR NEW BIRTH

OUR CLEANSING, OUR INGRAFTING INTO X

2. B. WITH WATER IS THE SYMBOL OF IT, AND

OUR ENTRANCE INTO VISIBLE CHURCH

3. AS BIRTH OCCURS BUT ONCE, SO BAPTISM -

IN CONTRAST W/ COMMUNION

4. CONF. OF FAITH, XXX, 5 - SALVATION IS

GOD'S GIFT, NOT REWARD OF FAITH AND OBEYANCE

BUT HOW CAN WE BE SAVED WITHOUT FAITH AND O

5. PETER - B. SAVES US; NOT REMOVAL OF DRT

BUT ANSWER OF GOOD CONSC. ^{THO RES. OF X}

III WATER, SPIRIT, FIRE ^{Washed by water, purified by fire}

1. ALL CHURCH HAS IS WATER, COMMONEST OF

ELEMENTS; NOT "HOLY" WATER (OF R. JORDAN)

2. SPIRIT IS GOD'S GIFT - IS GOD HIMSELF

IN INDIVIDUAL; IN CHURCH

3. PENTECOST, TONGUES LIKE FIRE - SPIRIT

IN OUR HEARTS SETS US ON FIRE FOR GOD

"CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE

BEYOND THE RIVER...AMORITES WHERE YOU

SERVE THE LORD."

-- JOSHUA 24:15

INT. - JOSHUA THE MAN - "YOUNG MAN...DEF

NOT...JANO SPIES, COURAGE, RESOURCEFULNESS,

K... NOT OF LEVI, EPHRAIM...JESUS SAME NAME

I JOSHUA, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. WRITTEN ABOUT J., NOT BY HIM

2. SOME ANCIENT MATERIAL, SOME IDEALIZED

HISTORY, REVISED VARIOUS TIMES (LIKE WEBSTER

- CH. 24 AN APOLOGUE

3. COMPLETED THE HEXATEUCH - HEB OT PUT IT

WITH PROPHETS

II THE CHALLENGE OF JOSHUA

1. CONQUEST INCOMPLETE, BUT WAR OF CONQUEST

FINISHED, TERMS MADE, LAND DIVIDED

2. PEOPLE REMINDED THAT IT WAS THE LORD

THAT HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE

3. NOW, ARE YOU COMMITTED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

OR IF NOT, THEN WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

4. GODS BEYOND RIVER - ABRAHAM, VISION OF

ONE AND ONLY, LEFT THEM FOR UNKNOWN DESTINY

5. GODS OF AMORITES? THEY WERE ALL AROUND;

PEOPLE SAID, OK, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO RISK

HAVING SPRING DRY UP, CATTLE DIE, CROPS FAIL

6. READ IT, SOUNDS EASY. NOT EASY; BUT J.

SAID, "AS FOR ME AND MY FAMILY..."

WHEN MOSES TRIED TO

TELL THEM OF GOD, "DON'T LIKE IT, NEW, STRANG

WHEN HE GAVE LAWS, FORM OF WORSHIP...LATER

WHEN PROPHETS PREACHED OF JUSTICE...YOU MAY

NOT UNDERSTAND, MAY NOT LIKE CHANGE, BUT....

III CHOOSE THIS DAY

1. "GOD, WHO IN MANY AND VARIOUS WAYS...NOW

IN A SON..."

2. "I CHOOSE JESUS" "DO YOU ACCEPT...Oh, SURE

- BUT DO WE, REALLY?

3. HAVE WE CONSIDERED HIS LIFE, TEACHINGS?

HIS DEMANDS, "TAKE UP CROSS AND FOLLOW?"

4. "LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? IF JESUS IS

TOO MUCH FOR YOU, KNOW ANYWHERE ELSE...

CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD

"I wrote you not to associate with immoral men, not meaning...then you must go out of the world."

--1 Cor. 5:9-10

Int. - Paul meant, withdraw from those claiming to be Klan who are immoral. He faced the fact that we must live in world I We Can't Live in a Box

1. Lancelot (in GALILEE) to monk, I don't think much of a rel...spel environment.."

2. We wish there were no bars, no dirty literature, no brothels, etc. Remove these bad th. from community if possible!

3. But 1st cent. Xians lived in condition much worse, everything wide open

II Be Not Conformed to this World

1. We have to live in the world, but we don't have to do as other people do

2. Standard of world: SELF comes first! pleasure, profit, advancement, recognition

a. May be expr. in crime, fraud, tricks ruthless ambition, gross intemp., sexual promiscuity

b. Other people, just as selfish, may not commit crime for fear of punishment, may be sober for sake of health, pure for fear of VD or even alimony

3. Young people especially, hate to be "different" PYF prgm about drinking III Lights in the World - Phil. 2:15

1. Regardless of what others do, those who bel. to X should live as being His

2. Not bec. church has rules, don't do this, that, but my body temple of God

3. We won't have to preach, Acc. X -

"THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT..."

--MATT. 26:28

INT. -- "CUT" A COVENANT -- BLOOD

1. WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD NO REMISS

1. WHY EMPHASIS ON BLOOD?

2. "THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE" -- WE KNOW THAT,

AFFIRMATIVELY AS WELL AS NEGATIVELY

3. TO HEBREWS, BLOOD TABOO, SEMI-SACRED

4. SPRINKLING OF BLOOD IN SACRIFICES, WE

MIGHT FIND REVOLTING -- TO THEM IT WAS SOLEMN

REMINDED THEM OF SOLEMNITY OF WORSHIP

11 ALL OUR WORSHIP SHOULD HAVE SHOULD HAVE

A SENSE OF AWE

1. TRUE IN SS AND EXPERIENCE

EVEN PAGAN TIMES -- FRAGMENT, ATTR. AESCHYL

TELLS OF EARTH, SEA, MOUNTAIN, SHAKING

"BENEATH THE DREAD EYE OF THEIR MASTER"

GEN. 15:12 "LO, A DREAD AND GREAT DARKNESS

FELL ON ABRAM"

GEN. 28:17 "HOW DREADFUL IS THIS PLACE?"

ISAIAH, "MOE IS ME...MINE EYES HAVE SEEN..."

PETER, "DEPART FROM ME...SINFUL MAN..."

GALAHAD "BEGAN TO TREMBLE RIGHT HARD WHEN

THE DEADLY FLESH BEGAN TO BEHOLD THE SPIR.

THINGS"

2. GOD IS NOT ONE TO BE AFRAID OF -- HEB.

12:16FF -- BUT V. 29 "CONSUMING FIRE"

3. JOYFUL WORSHIP? SURE, BUT ALWAYS REMEM-

BERING THE HOLY GOD, IDEALS UNATTAINED,

GRACE UNDESERVED

111 BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

1. IT WASN'T REAL BLOOD -- NOT YET SHED

2. BUT HIS BLOOD REALLY WAS SHED, TO ESTAB

THE NEW COVENANT

3. SACR. REMINDS US, GRACE NOT CHEAP, EASY

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE

HE WANTS TO GIVE IT TO US

CON. -- BUT DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE FEW, OR

UNPOPULAR, EVEN ALONE (NOT REALLY ALONE)

HE WANTS TO GIVE IT TO US

"FEAR NOT, O LITTLE FLOCKS; FOR IT IS YOUR

FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE

KINGDOM."

--LUKE 12:32

INT. -- SMALL NUMBERS -- AND DIMINISHING

STATISTICS OVER WHOLE CHURCH

1. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE BIG

1. PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH....."RICHEST, MOST

POWERFUL NATION.....JUST ALWAYS BE SMALL" -- IS

IT IMPORTANT TO BE NO. 1? -- DEUT. "GOD DID

NOT CHOOSE YOU BEC. GREATEST.....BEC. HE LOVED"

2. PAUL TO CORINTHIANS, "NOT MANY WISE MEN

AFTER THE FLESH, "MIGHTY, NOBLE, CALLED; GOD

CHOSE THE WEAK THINGS..." *you're a poor Greek*

3. AND JESUS, WHEN MANY WERE LEAVING, "WILL

YOU GO TOO?" AND "FEAR NOT, O LITTLE FLOCK"

4. FEW -- "TWELVE VALIANT SAINTS...." 120 AT

PENTECOST, BUT "FEAR NOT.....KINGDOM!"

11 ELSEWHERE HE SAID, "SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM"

1. PUT FIRST IN OUR LIVES OBEDIENCE, FAITH-

FULNESS -- "TALL THESE THINGS...ADDED"

2. MAN WHO SUED HIS PASTOR -- PROMISED PROSP-

PERITY IF HE TITHED --

3. MRS. ASKEW -- "THIS COURSE IS RIGHT, LET'S

STICK TO IT" -- "HE IS SUFFICIENT, HE WILL DO

WHAT HE HAS PROMISED"

4. WE CAN'T MANIPULATE GOD, USE HIM FOR OUR

ENDS. IF WE DO HIS WILL WE MAY BE GREAT,

SUCCESSFUL, PROSPEROUS, BUT NO GUARANTEE

THAT WE WILL NOT SUFFER

5. BUT TO BE HIS PEOPLE IS WORTH WHILE,

EVEN IF WE LOSE ALL THINGS, EVEN LIFE

111 HE WANTS TO GIVE US THE KINGDOM

1. TO MAKE US LIKE HIMSELF, HOLY -- WELL, IF

GOD WANTS THAT, WHY DOESN'T HE DO IT?

2. IF HE FORCED IT ON US, IT WOULDN'T BE

THE KINGDOM -- WE MUST SEEK, RESPOND IN LOVE

AND COMMIT OURSELVES TO HIM

CON. -- BUT DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE FEW, OR

UNPOPULAR, EVEN ALONE (NOT REALLY ALONE)

HE WANTS TO GIVE IT TO US

"Man does not live by bread alone, but...God."

--Leut. 26:13

INT. -- Labor Day -- Holidays, Die to Eat

note -- Why have Labor Day?

1. Recognition of the Dignity of Labor

1. Worthy thing to work and produce sth. --

on farm, in mine, factory, or shrimp boat --

or to serve human needs in transportation,

instruction, selling goods or molding shoes

2. Worthy thing to work and provide food

(for other things) for our needs -- even moon-

lighters, holding two jobs at once

3. But danger of labor demanding MORE, not

bec. of more production, but simply bec. in

position to squeeze -- well, who doesn't want

MORE?

4. But if THINGS (food, clothes...) become

purpose of existence, what sort of life is it?

11 Meagerness of life on Materialistic Basis

1. Hist. of Civilizations, decline and fall

2. Abundance of THINGS, no purpose

3. Life centered in SELF, no concern for

others

4. Rich in fidgets, "cultural", thrills, but

without life, without God -- camel, needs

11 Hope and God are Not to be Had cheaply

1. Many hold vague faith, bel. in God, but

not count it a lifeline, to anything, surprised th.

such faith no help in trouble

2. Ch. membership, reserves a little time (?)

for worship. Sat. Morn (unless golf tournament, or...

but take any resp.?) "Who, I'm too busy" at wh

3. "All that process...God" -- Only that

life may really be called life, which is the

commitment to God

CON. Jesus quoted in temptation -- Oh, we're

not to live -- only one th. really necessary,

to live with God -- without that, no life

THE STRONG AND THE WEAK

WE WHO ARE STRONG OUGHT TO BEAK WITH THE FAILINGS OF THE WEAK....." -ROM. 15:1

INT. - HAWAII

I GENERAL PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO LIFE IN CHROCH

1. PAUL'S CASE - SOME PPL HAVE MORE UNDRST OF XIAN FAITH THAN OTHERS - SCRUPLES OF FOOD AND DRINK, REL. OBSERVANCES
2. STILL TRUE TODAY - SOME CAN BEGIN TO GRASP GREATNESS OF REVELATION, SOME SLAVES OF LITERALISM, SOME "REQUIRE A SIGN", SOME "SEEK AFTER WISDOM"

3. STILL TRUE, "WE WHO ARE STRONG..."

II APPLICATION IN POLITICAL LIFE

1. STRONG AND WEAK NATIONS - "POSITION OF STRENGTH" - "WHY SHOULD WE GIVE THOSE PPL ANYTHING? THEY NEVER GAVE US ANYTHING!"
2. ALSO RICH AND POOR STATES IN UNION, RICH AND POOR CITIES, COUNTIES, IN STATE
3. FEAR OF "SOCIALISM" - BUT INESCAPABLE THAT WE ALL DEPEND ON ONE ANOTHER

III APPLICATION IN THE CHURCH

1. RICH, STRONG CHURCHES OFTEN WANT TO THROW THEIR WEIGHT AROUND
2. HOME MISSIONS IS RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPLE, BUT EVEN SO, MANY PRESBYTERIES QUICK TO ABANDON SMALL CHURCHES WITH NO GROWTH POTENTIAL

IV APPLICATION IN MISSIONS

1. GOSPEL TO THE "HEATHEN" - OFTEN TREATED WITH CONTEMPT

2. "THE ONE THAT PAYS THE PIPER CALLS THE TUNE"

3. AND "SENDING CHURCHES" OFTEN COMPLAIN IF STATISTICS NOT IMPRESSIVE

V EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

1. HE DIDN'T SAY, "WELL, I'M GOOD, LET THESE STUBBORN, IGNORANT PEOPLE BE DAMNED"
2. THIS IS WHAT GOD IS LIKE
3. THIS IS WHAT HE WANTS US TO BE LIKE

SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY

"WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD. YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING."

-I COR. 3:9

INT. - RURAL LIFE SUNDAY, ECOLOGY SUNDAY

I LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

1. GOD IS MAKING NEW WORLD. WE ARE PART OF WORLD ALSO HELPING TO MAKE IT
2. FIGURES OF GARDEN, BUILDING - PAUL PLANTED, APOLLOS WATERED, PAUL LAID FOUNDATION, A BUILT BUT GOD GIVES THE CROP. WE ARE CROP, BLDG, WE ALSO PLANT, WATER, CULTIVATE, BUILD
3. NEW HEAVENS, NEW EARTH - HEAVENS WE DON'T KNOW, EARTH MAYBE

4. EVERYBODY AGREES WORLD IS NOW IN MESS - NTN IN TROUBLE, COMMUNIST, "FREE", MIL. DICTATORSHIP SOME NTNS HAVE OIL, MINERALS, NO FOOD, SOME FOOD AND NO OIL, SOME MANUF. SKILLS, SOME RAW MATRLS SOME (EX. U.S.) HAVE A LOT OF ALL THESE, SOME VERY LITTLE. SOME HAVE ARMAMENTS, SOME NONE. ALL FAST USING UP RESOURCES, WHILE POP. ZOOMS

5. CAN WE HAVE A NEW EARTH? LION, LAMB, "WHEN ...HAPPEN?" WHEN WE MAKE IT - WHEN GOD MAKES IT

II BUT PAUL WAS TALKING ABOUT THE CHURCH

1. OK, SO HE WAS - CH IN CORINTH SPLIT INTO FACTIONS, PAUL, APOLLOS, PETER, JAMES
2. AND CHURCH TODAY - DO WE NEED A NEW CHURCH AS WELL AS A NEW WORLD? DENOMINATIONS, THESE SPLIT INTO FACTIONS

3. UP ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK, US NEXT MONTH, MANY PROBLEMS, NEED OUR PRAYERS

4. RESTRUCTURING BOARDS, SYNODS - DECK CHAIRS ON TITANIC

5. BUT THIS IS CHURCH MACHINERY WE'VE GOT, USE IT BEST WE CAN

III WHAT CAN WE DO? Temple of God... duty

1. PULL OUT, BEG CHURCH IN A MESS? "YOU ARE
2. NOT EXALT OURSELVES, ONE LEADER AG. OTHER

FINALLY, BRETHREN, FAREWELL."

--11 COR. 13:11

INT. - METH PROGR AT SAULSBURY

I PAUL VINDICATES HIS MINISTRY

1. HE WAS NOT TAKING FINAL LEAVE, BUT BRINGING HIS LETTER TO A CLOSE *gathering of church*
2. 7:8, "I WAS SORRY MY LETTER HURT, BUT NOT NEW, FOR IT HAD GOOD EFFECT"
3. 12:15, "I WILL GLADLY SPEND AND BE SPENT FOR YOUR SOULS. IF I LOVE YOU THE MORE, AM I TO BE LOVED THE LESS?"

4. 4:7, "TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS..."

5. EVEN TO THE POINT OF FOOLISH BOASTING

6. EVERY MINISTER WHO HAS PREACHED HIS HEART OUT, TO BE MET WITH INDIFFERENCE OR SUSPICION, DISTRUST, OPEN OPPOSITION, KNOWS EXACTLY HOW PAUL FELT.

II AGREE WITH ONE ANOTHER

1. FACTIONALISM, CURSE OF CORINTH, CURSE WHEREVER IT OCCURS - GAL. 5:13-15; 19-20, WORKS OF FLESH...ENMITY, STRIFE, JEALOUSY, ANGER, SELFISHNESS, DISSENSION, PARTY SPIRIT
2. PEACE TALKS IN PARIS - HANOI, "ONLY AGREEMENT IS IF WE HAVE OUR WAY IN TOTAL HOW CAN WE AGREE AMONG OURSELVES IF SOMEONE TAKES THAT ATTITUDE?"

3. NEVERTHELESS, THAT IS THE ASSIGNMENT - UNLESS THE CHURCH IS TO BE DESTROYED, WE MUST MANAGE TO AGREE AMONG OURSELVES

III FARE WELL *farewell of two parties*

1. JAMES 4:11-12, "DOES NOT SPEAK EVIL... WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE... JUDGE O, EVEN ARCHANGEL ...AG. THE DEVIL DID NOT PRESUME TO BRING RAILING ACCUSATION... IF WE HAVE ACCUSATION BRING BEFORE COMPETENT AUTHORITY - OR SHUT

2. I COR. 16:14, "LET ALL...BE ONE IN LOVE"

3. V. 7, HMP. THING, NOT THAT WE MAY APPR...BUT THAT YOU MAY DO RIGHT. WE CAN DO

NOTHING AGAINST THE TRUTH, ONLY FOR TRUTH."

4. TRUTH OF GOD WILL FINALLY BE REVEALED

IMP. THAT WE FE FOUND IN AGREEMENT WITH IT

5. BE ASSURED OF MY LOVE, OF GOD'S LOVE. ...GOD. GOD. F. P. W. YOU, FARE WELL

THE POINT OF NO RETURN

INT. - USE OF EXPRESSION IN AIR TRAVEL - SCENE IN "THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY" JUST AFTER A TERROR PASSED THRO THE PLANE INDICATIVE OF SOMETHING WRONG. NAVIGATOR CAME IN AND SAID, "WE'VE JUST PASSED THE POINT OF NO RETURN".

I THE DECISION TO SEEK GOD - "WHETHER THOU GOEST..... THY GOD MY GOD" -- RUTH 1:15-16

1. NOT YET A FULL ACCEPTANCE OF GOD, BUT A DECISION TO SEEK HIM

2. MADE IN THIS CASE, AND OFTEN, ON BASIS OF ANOTHER PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE AND FAITHFULNESS

3. EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, ASSURANCE, ALL LIE AHEAD - ALSO DIFFICULTIES AND DISCOURAGEMENT

* BUT THIS STEP PASSES POINT OF NO RETURN

II THE DECISION FOR EVIL - "BRING OUT VESTMENTS FOR WORSHIPERS OF BAAL" -- 11 KINGS 10:22

1. NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS - BUT WE OFTEN GO ON VACILLATING BET. GOOD AND EVIL

2. UNTIL A TIME WHEN CIRCUMST. FORCE US DECIDE

3. AFTER THAT NO HOPE? NO ORDINARY HOPE - WE ARE COMMITTED TO EVIL - PASSED PT. OF NO RETURN

III THE FURTHER COMMITMENT - "TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?.....LIFE" -- JOHN 6:67-68

1. AS WE GROW IN GRACE WE DISCOVER NEW MEANINGS TO DISCIPLESHIP - SUCH AS:

BUSINESS AND REL. NOT SEPARATE COMPARTMENTS

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, MONEY, LIFE

MEANING OF XIAN LOVE, EVEN FOR NIGGERS, WOPS, FOREIGNERS, ENEMIES

2. WHEN WE STARTED, WE DIDN'T KNOW XIANITY MEANT ALL THAT - "WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?"

3. TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? IF HE IS GOD, THERE IS NO PLACE WE CAN GO. PAST PT OF NO RETURN

IV THE CALL TO SPECIAL SERVICE - "GO BACK AGAIN; FOR WHAT HAVE I DONE UNTO THEE?"

1. ELIJAH - ANOINT ELISHA - MANTLE

2. HOW DOES ONE FEEL CALL TO SPECIAL SERVICE

WHAT HAVE I DONE? NTHG - WAS IT GOD, OR MY WIFE? OFTEN HARD TO BE SURE

3. BUT ONCE FELT, THERE'S NO TURNING BACK -

The Lord's Prayer

I Teaching to pray - Use of "Lord's Prayer"

1. When ye pray, say... "after this way"

2. Cat. "the whole word... useful... but the special rule of directness"

3. Value of repetition - not bec. God wants, but because repetition, but bec. thus it became part of us.

II Content of Prayer

1. Preface - draw us to God with all holy reverence + confidence, as children... with + for others.

2. 1st Pet. "God would enable us, + others, to glorify him - all that whereby he maketh himself known; and... displease all... by ourselves + others. I kept it. K of glory..."

2nd - Satan's kingdom... K of grace... ourselves + others. I kept it. K of glory..."

2nd. "God, by his grace, make us able + willing to know, obey, + subvert... as angels do in H."

4th - "Gods free gift... competent portion... his blessing with them"

5th - "God... Father... enabled to ask..."

6th - "Father keep us from being tempted, or comfort + deliver... tempt."

7th - "3 persons, but good" - take on... encouragement in prayer... and in the world... kingdom of God...

"IN NOTHING BE ANXIOUS; BUT IN EVERYTH..... THANKSGIVING..... REQUESTS..... TO GOD"

READ PSALM 37:1-9; MATT. 6:25-34

DON'T WORRY

I FRET NOT -- DON'T GET HOT

DON'T CARRY TOMORROW'S LOAD TODAY

"BUILD A LITTLE FENCE OF TRUST AROUND TODAY;

FILL THE SPACE WITH LIVING WORK AND THEREIN STAY;

LOOK NOT THROUGH THE SHELTERING BARS UPON TOMORROW;

GOD WILL HELP THEE BEAR WHAT COMES

2. Think of JOY OR SORROW. "That He is God"

18. Trust in the LORD OF THE HARVEST

Quint. DON'T TRY TO CARRY GOD'S LOAD

2. MANY TH. WRONG WITH THE WORLD, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM. WE ONLY BREAK OURSELVES TRYING TO DO

2. WE IT ALL LEAVE TO THE LORD OF H.

3. HE WORKS IN MANY WAYS, THRO MANY

III NOT UNCONCERN - NOT LAZINESS

DO YOUR BEST, AND LEAVE THE REST.

DR. DEEMS, PASTOR OF CH. OF STRANGER

"THE WORLD IS WIDE IN TIME AND TIDE,

AND GOD IS QUICK;

THEN DO NOT HURRY.

THAT MAN IS BLEST, WHO DOES HIS

THEN LEAVE THE REST

Paul in AND DO NOT WORRY, almost about IV ANXIOUS ABOUT NOTHING, THANKFUL FOR ANYTHING. PRAY FOR

"THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD BEGINS WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS PROPHECY OF ISAIAH....." --MARK 1:1 (PHILLIPS)

INT. - NEW TRANSLATION GIVES FRESH VIEW

1. THE GOSPEL BEGAN WITH JOHN

1. EVERY GOSPEL WRITER BEGINS THUS - ACTS 1:22, 10:37, (PETER TO CORNELIUS)

2. GOSPELS WRITTEN 30, 50 YRS OR MORE AFTER RESURRECTION, YET WITH ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED JOHN WAS NOT FORGOTTEN, BEC. IT BEGAN W/HIM

3. IT WAS A MOVEMENT, LIKE REFORMATION, OR MISSIONARY MOVEMENT OF 19TH CENTURY. SOME, AT LEAST, OF APOSTLES ALREADY CAUGHT UP IN IT BEFORE THEY MET JESUS - *Ph. 1:22, 2:12*

4. OUT OF IT GREW XIAN GOSPEL - JESUS CERTAINLY WAS PRECIPITATED INTO HIS MINISTRY (AFTER JOHN WAS IMPRISONED) BY THIS, MAY HAVE DEPENDED ON IT MORE THAN WE KNOW

1. A PROPHET AND MORE THAN A PROPHET *Dan. 9:19*

1. PREDICTION OF MOSES, "GOD WILL RAISE UP A PROPHET LIKE ME" - PPL NOT SURE WHETHER

THAT PROPHET WAS MESSIAH OR NOT - MAL. 4:5, "ELIJAH THE PROPHET"

2. JOHN, SET APART AS NAZIRITE, BEGAN PREACHING IN WILDERNESS, BOLD, NOT CARING WHETHER PEOPLE PLEASED, CALLING TO REPENTING AND NEW LIFE - ASCETIC HSLF, DID NOT PREACH ASCETICISM, BUT INSISTED ON REAL REPENTANCE NOT JUST FORM - LDRS SKEPTICAL, COMMON PPL BELIEVED

3. "ARE YOU MESSIAH?" "NO" - "ELIJAH?" "NO" "THAT PROPHET?" "NO" - "WHO ARE YOU?" "VOICE CRYING, 'MAKE A STRAIGHT WAY FOR GOD'"

4. BUT JESUS SAID, HE WAS "ELIJAH", HE WAS A PROPHET AND MORE - NONE GREATER; HE WAS GOD'S INSTRUMENT FOR BEGINNING

1. ELIJAH BEGINS WITH ISAIAH (AND MALACHI)

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"I WILL RESTORE THE FORTUNES OF THE LAND." --JER. 33:11

INT. - RURAL LIFE (ECOLOGY) SUNDAY THING MOST ADMIRED IN ISRAELIS, CHINESE, CARE FOR THE LAND

1. GOD HAS ALWAYS CARED ABOUT THE LAND, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE

1. JER. IS TIME, DESTRUCTION FACED NATION DUE TO PERSONAL AND NATIONAL SIN, JER. HSLF IN PRISON FOR PROTESTING POLICY

2. NO HOPE AT ALL BUT IN GOD

3. BUT GOD STILL CARED, "I WILL RESTORE" - DID RESTORE IN WAYS THEY COULD NEVER GUESS

1. WE NEED RESTORATION NOW

1. THE LAND - STRIP MINING AND EROSION, POLLUTION AND GARBAGE

2. TV EXPLODING BOMBS IN VIETNAM - FUTILE AT BEST, HOW MUCH DAMAGE? HOW MUCH WASTE OF VITALLY IMPORTANT ENERGY!

3. FRANTIC EXPLOITATION OF WHAT IS LEFT OF RESOURCES, IN SENSELESS PURSUIT OF LUXURY

4. EROSION OF CONCEPTS OF LAW, JUSTICE, DECEY - STANDING OVATION FOR AGNEW!

5. "I WILL RESTORE PROSPERITY" - WHAT DO WE WANT GOD TO DO FOR US? MORE MONEY? ALREADY SO MUCH NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TO DO WITH "TURN BACK, O MAN, FORSWEAR....."

1. I WILL RESTORE.....COVENANT....DAY, NIGHT"

1. NOT, "IF YOU REPENT, DO THIS OR THAT" GOD'S PURPOSE WAS, IS, RESTORATION

2. AND YET REPENTANCE IS NECESSARY!

3. GOD WILL DO IT, BUT NOT WITHOUT EFFORT OF PEOPLE. IF THERE IS TO BE BETTER WORLD, WE MUST BUILD IT!

4. NOT JUST BY GETTING TOUGH ON CRIMINALS, (THE FIRM, EQUAL, UNBIBLYABLE JUSTICE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD IT) BUT BY LAYING FOUND. OF JUST SOCIETY BY STANDING FOR HONOR, TRUTH, KINDNESS, DECEY OURSELVES

5. AND SEEKING FOR GOD WITH WHOLE HEART

"AND HE WROTE ON THE TABLES THE WORDS OF THE COVENANT, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS."

INT. - HEB. TEN WORDS

1. EXODUS, BOOK OF THE EXODUS

1. TITLE GREEK, HEBREW, THESE THE NAMES

2. AUTHOR, TRADITIONALLY MOSES - MUCH OB BOOK LATER THAN MOSES

3. CONTENT - THE COVENANT, EXPRESSION OF GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS PEOPLE

A. GOD KNEW THEY WERE HIS PEOPLE, EVEN THO THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT THEMSELVES

B. GOD CARED ABOUT THEIR PHYSICAL WELL BEING THEY WERE ENSLAVED, SUFFERING, IGNORANT, LANDLESS - GOD CARED ABOUT THAT, NOT JUST ABOUT "SALVATION"

C. PROVIDENTIAL PREPARATION OF MOSES, CALL AND COMMISSION

D. DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT, PROMISED LAND

E. PROVIDING FOR SYSTEMATIC WORSHIP

F. GIVING THE LAW

1. THE LAW - EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE

1. BECAUSE GOD LOVES HIS PEOPLE, HE CARES HOW THEY LIVE

2. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - BASIC LAW

A. REVERENCE FOR GOD 1-3

B. WORSHIP 4

C. RESPECT FOR PEOPLE, 5-8

D. LIFE, FAMILY, PROPERTY RIGHTS

D. INTEGRITY OF LIFE, 9-10

3. CEREMONIAL LAW GREW OUT OF THIS, PART OF 1. WHAT DO THEY MEAN FOR US TODAY?

1. WE ARE NOT SAVED BY KEEPING THEM, NOR DAMNED FOR BREAKING THEM

2. THEY ARE PRINCIPLES, NOT RULES

3. JESUS, ".....OLD TIME, BUT I SAY...."

4. EXPANDED STILL MORE IN EPISTLES

5. TAKE ON NEW MEANING THRO XIAN EXPERIENCE

6. BUT EXODUS STILL SAYS, "GOD IS OUR SAVIOR, HE CARES HOW WE LIVE".

JOSHUA THE SON OF NUN, A YOUNG MAN, DEPARTED OUT OF THE TABERNACLE."

INT. - DO THE YOUNG MEN IN GEORGIA GO TO PRAYER MEETING? FUN TO GO TO CHURCH
WHAT IS FUN?

1. A SENSE OF PLEASURE IN THE EXPERIENCE THROUGH WHICH WE PASS
2. THE SAME EXPERIENCE MAY BE TORTURE, FUN OR BOREDOM, ACC TO OUR REACTION TO IT
3. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EASY

FISHING IN NORTH PASS

1. WHICH IS MORE FUN -- SPEARING PAIN AT RANDOM, OR PAINTING A PICTURE?
2. IS SCHOOL FUN? FOR WHOM? THOSE WHO FIGHT IT, OR THOSE WHO ENTER IN AND DO WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE?

3. IS A PARTY FUN? SUPPOSED TO BE, BUT IS IT, ALWAYS? IF SO, FOR WHOM? THOSE WHO CAN FORGET THEIR FEAR OF DOING SOMETHING QUEER AND ENTER INTO IT

4. IS COMPANIONSHIP FUN? ONLY IF WE CAN FORGET OURSELVES, AND ENTER INTO IT --
VALDEN -- UNIONTOWN, AUG. 1952

5. TO HAVE FUN, IT'S GENERALLY NECESSARY TO DO SOMETHING WE DON'T LIKE TO DO.

1. IT'S FUN TO GO TO CHURCH
1. NOT IF WE GO FOR FUN

2. THE THING THAT MATTERS MOST IN LIFE IS TO BELONG TO GOD; AND THE MORE COMPLETELY OUR LIVES ARE GIVEN TO HIM, THE MORE FUN -- "THE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE SHALL FIND IT"

3. OUR ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH, OUR ACTIVITY IN CHURCH, BECOME FUN, AND THE FARTHER WE GO IN IT, THE MORE FUN IT IS

JOSHUA, A YOUNG MAN

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

WHATEVER YOUR TASK, WORK HEARTILY, AS SERVING THE LORD. -- COL. 3:23

INT. - LABOR DAY - SIGNIFICANCE OF WORK, OF USE OF TIME

- 1 TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

1. HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE? 5 MIN A DAY
2. JOHN WESLEY - TWO HOURS INSTEAD OF ONE
3. HAVE YOU PRAYED ALL NIGHT? (STUDIED)
4. IF (LIKE SOME NUNS) WE PRAYED ALL TIME, WOULD THAT MAKE US HOLY? (HOLINESS NOT ATTAINED BY STHG WE DO, BUT GOD GIVEN DIRECTN OF LIFE)

1. IS IT JUST PRAYER - WHAT ABOUT WORK?
1. IMAGINE CASE OF MISSIONARY DOCTOR, LONG HOURS, TREATING, OPERATING, TOO TIRED TO SPEND MUCH TIME PRAYING - IS HE HOLY?

2. DOES HE HAVE TO BE A MISSIONARY?
3. DOES HE HAVE TO BE A DOCTOR?

4. PAUL WROTE TO SLAVES - SOME OF US NOT MUCH BETTER, ROUTINE OF BUSINESS, FARMING, STUDY, EVEN MOONLIGHTING, DRIVEN TO LIMIT

1. WORK HEARTILY, AS SERVING THE LORD

1. WHATEVER THE WORK - BILLY SUNDAY & BALL
2. FORMS OF GREEK VERBS - SCHOOL IN BRAZIL

3. "MARTHA'S HANDS.....MARY NINON"
4. EVEN SOME WHO DON'T SEEM VERY HOLY, WORKING IN SENSE OF DUTY TO GOD AND MAN, MAY BE NEARER TO HOLINESS THAN SOME WHO PRAY ALL NIGHT - SEAMEN, BUS DRIVERS, ELECT ON WHOM WE DEPEND FOR SAFETY, POLICE, ETC.

5. SONS OF PARTHA
6. "WHATEVER YOUR TASK, WORK HEARTILY...."

5. S. CAT. "PEACE OF CONSCIENCE....."
6. "THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM"

JOSHUA, A YOUNG MAN

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REWARDS

"...WHATEVER GOOD ANYONE DOES, HE WILL RECEIVE THE SAME AGAIN FROM THE LORD....SLAVE OR FREE." --EPHESIANS 6:8

INT. - BOOK OF JOB IN SS CLASS - OLD THEORY OF REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS WASHED UP - WH THEN? I GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE OBSERVED

1. ACTIONS DO HAVE RESULTS, OFTEN FAR REACHING - "BREAD ON WATERS" - "MEASURE YE METE....AGAIN"
2. THERE APPEARS TO BE A COSMIC LAW OF RETRIBUTION - AHAB AND DOGS, HAMAN AND GALLOWS - YET NOT ALWAYS APPARENT

3. XIANS SHOULD DO GOD'S WILL, NOT IN HOPE OF REWARD, BUT IN LOVING OBEDIENCE; YET JESUS AS WELL AS OTHERS SPEAKS OF REWARDS, NOTABLY.....
1. GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN

1. DOES THAT MEAN DEGREES IN HEAVEN? WILL MARTYRS AND OTHER GREAT SAINTS HAVE HIGHER PL?
2. OR IS THE ENTRANCE THERE SUFFICIENT REWARD FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIONS OR CONDITIONS?

3. OR, IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE HIGHER THAN A REDEEMED, ADOPTED SON OF GOD?

4. IS OUR REWARD TO BE ONLY IN HEAVEN? ARE THERE NOT SURELY

1. REWARDS ALSO ON EARTH?

1. GENERAL, VS SPECIFIC PROMISES OF GOOD
- A. GENERAL - E.G., PSS. 1, 91. ETC.

- A SORT OF LAW OF AVERAGES, LIKE ACTUARIAL TABLES - PSALMISTS WHO WROTE THESE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BLINDED TO FACT THAT THERE ARE ESCPT -- EX., MARTYRS, INNOCENT VICTIMS OF WAR, AND PLAGUE OR DISASTER. IN SPIE OF EXCEPTIONS, GENERAL PROMISE TRUE AND DEPENDABLE

- B. SPECIFIC - "CUP OF COLD WATER", "WHATEVER GOOD...." DEFINITE PROMISE OF REWARD

2. MATERIAL REWARD? OF. "LEFT ALL AND FOL...."
3. BLESSEDNESS OF BEING CO-WORKERS W/ GOD

4. AUGMENTED EXPERIENCE OF GRACE - BUD JENKINS
5. S. CAT. "PEACE OF CONSCIENCE....."

6. "THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM"

JOSHUA, A YOUNG MAN

SAATH WAS MADE FOR MAN.

--- MARK 2:27

INT. - LADY EMILY LUTYCHES - DRESSED

GIRL - QUOTE

1. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH S. cat. xian sub.

1. NT CHURCH - "NONE MAN ... ONE DAY ABOVE

ANOTHER.....EVERY DAY ALIKE"

2. THE LORD'S DAY

3. NOT UNDER THE LAW - NOBODY MAY TELL

US WHAT WE MUST DO OR NOT DO ON SABBATH

4. NOT 1/10 OF MONEY AND 1/7 OF TIME,

BUT ALL BELONG TO GOD. Hairs of hair of David

11 THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN

1. WE ARE NOT SLAVES TO A CUSTOM, BUT

RECIPIENTS OF A BENEFIT

2. NOT TO USE SELFISHLY, OR CARELESSLY,

BUT ACCORDING TO ITS PURPOSE

3. SO IS LAW MADE FOR MAN, BUT MUST BE

USED ACCORDING TO ITS PURPOSE

4. SO ALSO MEDICINE, ELECTRICITY, ART,

MUSIC, ETC. *Conserve this benefit*

111 DELIGHT THYSELF IN THE LORD

1. PURPOSE OF SABBATH - TO GET US AWAY

FR. OURSELVES, BRING US TO KNOW GOD

2. ORIGINALLY DONE BY LEGISLATION, FOR-

BIDDING WORK. TODAY WE MUST SOMETIMES

HAVE SUCH, TO PROTECT SOCIETY FROM THOSE

WHO WOULD EXPLOIT THE DAY.

3. NOW CAN WE USE IT, TO ATTAIN THIS END

WHERE BEGIN? SAY WHITE

4. ISAIAH 58:13-14

THYSELF IN THE LORD.

...delight...Law of the Lord...prosper."

--Ps. 1:2-3

Int. - Green thumb - love, intelligent care

I Good People Are Successful *are they?*

1. Rain on just...unjust - did I *have* profr

2. No sickness, misfortune, trouble to Xms

3. Man who goes to ch reg. *at his* fairly,

successful in business - if not, God hasn't

kept his word.

4. We can't be slipshod in work, studies,

expect God to do it for us to pay us for

going to church.

11 Whose Delight is in Law (Gospel) of Lord

1. That is, who really cares about it, lov

takes interest in it

2. Many ch mbrs, nominal Xians, have only

superficial concern - I'm mbr of ch, I go

stms, but... I bel in Bible, lid to lid,

read it? too much trouble...I bel to ch,

but too tired on Sunday... too busy with

clubs, parties, football, etc...I bel to ch

but if prech criticizes what I do, or says

anyth I disagree with, I'm thro with it!

3. Psalmist is talkg abt man who bel that

God is Lord of all, who WANTS to worship

bec God is GOD, who longs to know what God

has to say, willing to try, long and hard,

go often, read, study, listen, pray, in

crier to know God's will.

111 What He Does Will Prosper

1. Man who wants prosperity for SELF, may

get it; who wants to know God, CERTAINLY

will succeed!

2. Person who wants, seeks, finds God's

will is real success, even if he lose all

MYOU ARE MY WITNESSES. I AM GOD."

--- ISAIAH 43:12-13

INT. - MEETING, BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, PROMR FR.

N. C. SAID, "MANY SAY, MOST IMP. TASK OF

CHURCH IS EVANGELISM. I NOJ MOST IMP. TASK

IS TO WORSHIP GOD!" ME - "WAMEN!"

1. IT IS!

1. NOT JUST "GOING TO CHURCH", OUTWARD ACTS

2. AND YET, IF PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE, HOW

CAN THEY BE CONTENT TO CUT CHURCH FOR VISITS

BOATING, WHATEVER. ("BOATS HAVE DESTROYED

OUR YP WORK, ETC.")

3. TO LIVE IN CONSCIOUSNESS OF ELECTING LOV

11 GOD IS KNOWN THROUGH HIS GRACE

1. CREATION TELLS LITTLE - WHAT REALLY TELL

WHAT GOD IS LIKE IS HIS GRACE, HIS LOVE. *Love... Love... Love...*

2. MEETING AT TEMPLE - QUOTE FR. RABBI *Love... Love... Love...*

SIMEON SAJ JOKHSA, MARTIN BUBER

3. WITNESSES, NOT JUST BY GOING OUT AND

SPEAKING, BUT BY BEING HIS PEOPLE

4. MYSTERY OF ELECTION - ABRAHAM DID NOT

GET SO SMART HE DISCOVERED GOD; GOD BROKE

THRO TO HIM - AND MOSES, DAVID, ALL THE REST

5. AND WE, CIRCLED ABOUT BY HIS PROVIDENCE,

Witness among Xian experiences, was it OUR DOING

What about others, NOT ELECT? WE CAN'T

EXPLAIN, A LITTLE LIKE A CONTEST, IF ALL WON

NO CONTEST - DOES GOD CONDEMN THEM TO HELL

FOREVER? WE DON'T KNOW, LEAVE IN HIS HANDS

111 WHAT DO WE DO, TO BE WITNESSES?

1. RECEIVE HIS GRACE HUMBLY - NOT EXALT

OURSELVES, SAY, "WHAT A NICE BOY AM I!" -

NOT LIKE COMMIES, HIPPIES, ET AL

2. BUT HUMBLY, HUMBLY, RECEIVE HIS GRACE *well, can't*

KNOW THAT WE REALLY ARE HIS PEOPLE *for witness*

3. AND OFFER BEST WORSHIP (ALL LEB. NOT SUP

TO BURN, ... BEST PRAISE, PRAYER, THOUGHT)

BEST WORK, BEST BEING, THAT WE CAN

CON - REP. TO SYN. ON SEC. ED "OUR WORLD IS

CHARACTERIZED BY A STRIKING EROSION OF THE

IMMEDIATE AWARENESS OF THE DIVINE."

AN IMAGE OF THE SPIRIT

BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS, WHETHER THEY BE OF GOD."

-- 1 JOHN 4:1

INT. - PENTECOST - SPIRIT - WHOIN THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE...CALVIN, THERE IS AN IMAGE OF THE S. IN SS; IF ANY SUP. REVEL... DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THIS, IT IS FALSE."

REVELATIONS BY THE SPIRIT

1. PEOPLE "OF THE WORLD" WHO KNOW NOTHING OF S. MAY PROFESS REVELATIONS - COL. 2:18
2. TRUE REV. ARE UNDERSTANDABLE - 1 COR. 14:13 - TONGUES AT PENT. MIR. OF UNDERSTOOD
3. THE SPIRIT AGREES WITH WATER AND BLOOD
4. BAPTISM IS "INTO HIS DEATH" ROM. 6:3
5. COMMUNION IS PARTICIPATION IN BLOOD

1 COR. 10:16

3. BOTH MEANINGLESS APART FROM DEATH OF X, APPLIED TO US BY THE SPIRIT
4. IT IS EXPEDIENT THAT I GO AWAY...COM- FORTER...COME, SPIRIT OF TRUTH..."

THE SPIRIT IS TRUTH

1. NOT MIRACULOUS SUPERNATURAL KNOWLEDGE
2. TEST PROPOSED BY JOHN - ONLY THOSE WHO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS X..IN THE FLSH
3. X WAS REAL MAN (NOBODY WAS ARGUING THAT HE WAS NOT GOD) GOD CAME INTO HUMAN LIFE, SO THAT, IN PERSON OF S. HE COULD COME INTO EVERY MAN, EVERYWHERE, FOREVER
4. THE SPIRIT IS FREEDOM -- 11 COR. 3:17
5. NOT TO DO AS WE PLEASE - GAL. 5:13
6. DIRECT ACCESS TO GOD, NO MAN MAY HINDER - PROHR. USING TELEPHONE IN PULPIT
7. THE SPIRIT IS LOVE
8. CONTRAST WITH FLESH - GAL. 5:13FF
9. GOD IS LOVE

CONTAMINATION

"ACHAN...TOOK SOME OF THE DEVOTED THINGS; AND THE ANGER OF THE LORD BURNED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL." -- JOSH. 7:1

INT. - JOSHUA, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN
2. WE DON'T APPROVE OF WARS OF AGGRESSION - WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?
3. PPL OF ISRAEL UNDER CONVICTION THAT TH ACTED UNDER GOD'S COMMAND, EXECUTING GOD'S JUDGMENT ON SINFUL NATIONS
4. THEY WERE TO OCCUPY, POSSESS LAND; BUT NOT BE NATION OF ROBBERS, SPOILING RUTHLESS
5. ALL PEOPLE, ANIMALS, PORTABLE PROPERTY DEVOTED, ACCURSED, MARKED FOR DESTRUCT
6. SUCCESS AG. ENEMIES DUE TO GOD'S HELP, NOT NECESSARILY MIRACULOUS, NOT MAGIC

CONTAMINATION OF SIN

1. ACHAN'S SIN AND DRASTIC PUNISHMENT
2. ONE MAN, KNOWING HIMSELF GUILTY, COULD MAKE DIFFERENCE BET VICTORY AND DEFEAT
3. HE SAID, "I CAN TAKE THESE THINGS, NOBODY WILL KNOW."
4. MOVIE - DOCTOR IN MINE, TEMPTED TO GIVE DEADLY DRUG - WATER DROPPING, "NOBODY WILL KNOW!"

5. GIRL AT CE CONVENTION - "I'D KNOW IT!"

THE SPREAD OF CONTAMINATION

1. THE DEFENDERS, 5/27/65 COUPLE ROBBED, "SO WE COULD GET MARRIED, LIVE DECENTLY"
2. PRESTON'S DEFENSE, STEALING, AND DECENCY COULD BE SAID TOGETHER ONLY IN CONTAMINATE SOCIETY - CANAAN CONTINUED, ISRAEL MUST NOT
3. HEB 12:14FF - ROOT OF BITTERNESS...
4. WE SAY, ITM ONLY ONE, DOESN'T MATTER
5. ONE ACHING TOOTH... ONE IRRESP. MEMBER

O LOVE, THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO

"HOW CAN I GIVE YOU UP.....MY HEART RECOILS WITHIN ME...FOR I AM GOD, AND NOT MAN..."

Blue 6:6 - many, ~~not~~ ^{not} HOSEA 11:5-9

INT. - THE "MINOR" PROPHETS

HOSEA, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. REIGN OF JEROBOAM 11 - 781-740 B.C.
2. IN AND OF ISRAEL, ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF J
3. MOSTLY POETRY, TEXT STMS CORRUPT, HARD TO FOLLOW SENSE
4. HOSEA'S FAMILY LIFE - CHON, JEZREEL, LO-RUHAMA, LO-AMMI - H. LEARNED LOVE OF GOD
5. GOD AND ISRAEL - "TAUGHT E. TO WALK"
6. BROKEN COVENANT, TRANSGRESSED LAW
7. PUNISHMENT, DESTRUCTION -- BY ALL THE RULES IT SHOULD BE TOTAL DESTRUCTION, BUT...
8. GOD WILL PUNISH SEVERELY, BUT WILL NEVER STOP LOVING - "MY HEART RECOLLS..."
9. COMPASSION GROWS WARM AND TENDER...I AM GOD
10. HIS LOVE WILL NOT LET US GO. ^{Submit to it} ^{give in all way}
11. MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE - 6:6

1. OH, YES, THEY LOVE TO SACRIFICE, AND EAT FLESH, BUT WHAT I WANT IS 707
2. HOW JESUS USED IT, MATT. 9:13, 12:7
3. MAN'S RESPONSE TO LOVE OF GOD
4. HIS LOVE IS A DEMANDING LOVE - HE NEVER GIVES UP ON US, NEVER STOPS DEMANDING,

75. AND NOTHING LESS THAN OUR RESPONSE IN LOVE TO HIS LOVE WILL SATISFY HIM.

Only a loving obedience can realize in us his purpose, that we be really his people.

You can make it, Baby, you can make it.

COMMAND PERFORMANCE

WORSHIP THE LORD IN HOLY ARRAY. - Ps. 96:9

INT. - COMMAND PERFORMANCE

1. WE ARE INVITED, NOT COMMANDED, TO WORSHIP
1. "PROTESTANTS DON'T THINK IT'S A SIN TO MISS CHURCH"

2. WORSHIP IS NOT A DUTY TO BE GOT THROUGH, BUT A RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE
3. GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP - BUT AN INVITATION OF A KING IS TANTAMOUNT TO A COMMAND

HOW MUCH MORE AN INVITATION OF GOD!
IF WE COME HERE - WHO'S INVITED? ...?

1. OLD CONCEPT - MINISTER, CHOIR, ORGANIST, THE PERFORMERS; THE PEOPLE THE AUDIENCE, GOD THE PROMPTER.

2. NEW CONCEPT - PEOPLE THE PERFORMERS, MINISTER, CHOIR, ORGANIST PROMPTER-PERFORMER - GOD THE AUDIENCE.

3. SPECIAL DAY (E.G., INSTALLATION SUNDAY) CHOIR WANTS TO BE READY WITH SOMETHING WELL REHEARSED, MINISTER HAS SPECIAL MESSAGE

4. EVERY SUNDAY IS A SPECIAL DAY - GOD IS PRESENT! MINISTER, CHOIR, ORGANIST, EVERY ONE WHO JOINS IN HYMNS, HOWEVER FEELERLY, IN RESPONSES, THE LORD'S PRAYER OR THE CREED, DO SO IN CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

III HOLY ARRAY - BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

1. WHEN THE KING VISITED THE SCHOOL, IF TEACHER, PUPILS HAD KNOWN, WOULD HAVE DRESSED UP FOR THE OCCASION

2. "SUNDAY CLOTHES" - MINISTER, WHO SERVED COMMUNION IN A T SHIRT

3. NOT FINE CLOTHES, BUT RECOGNITION OF GOD THROUGH REVERENT ACTION AND RIGHTNESS OF LIFE - ISA. - SEEK JUSTICE, CORRECT OPPRESSION

NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER

"O Lord, let thy ear be attentive... prayer of thy servant... servants who delight to fear thy name... success... mercy in the sight of this man (Artaxerxes)" - Neh. 1:11

INT. - Neh. 1's memoirs, oldest in human lit so extensive -
I Background - Suse, not Babylon - Nehemiah
Cupbearer to the King - How did he do it?

1. Success, position, wealth, recognition - through persistence, Jews sticking together, cf. Rothschild family
2. Devotion, too - faithful to law, earnest in prayer

3. But he had comfort, security, hard to take risks with that - *Sense of call*
II What sort of Prayer?

1. Acknowledgement of God - Great and terrible, maker and keeper of covenant, demanding allegiance, love, obedience

2. Confession of sin - of self and people
3. Pleading God's promise

4. Praying, not just for self, for people
5. Specifically, asking success in immediate enterprise

III Prayer and Action

1. Instantaneous prayer 2:4
3. Send me - Stms we pray, "Lord, save the lost - by sending somebody else"

3. When sent, he went, dedicated action mingled with prayer - "Prayed to God, and set a watch"

Com. - N. lived bef. X - Paul, for ex., knew much more about God than I. But he prayed, and committed half. WE don't know

EZRA THE SCRIBE

"Ezra had set his heart to study the law, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel." -- Ezra 7:10

INT. - Ezra, Book of the Month - in Heb one with Nehemiah, Vulg. I, II Esdras
I The Mighty Providence of God

1. Cat. "All his creatures... actions"
2. Punishment of Judah, not vindictive, but purposive, to teach that People of God can't live like the world

3. 70 years captivity, now, restoration - How? Through fall of Babylon, rise of Persia, through Cyrus, Zerubbabel and Haggai, through Artaxerxes, Nehemiah and Ezra - COULDN'T BE ACCIDENT!
II The Law of God

1. Already some revered, preserved, sacred writings - Law, Prophets, etc., etc. some Psalms

2. But Ezra set his heart to study, practice, teach the Law (and other SS)

3. Then for first time a nation faced fact that: God has given us a LAW, it is our way of life.

4. In X's day Law, Prophets, Writings - inc. Books of Ezra, Neh., Haggai, et al.

5. In our days, OT SS, plus the Gospel, all N.T. SS - it is GOD'S REVELATION TO US. OUR WAY OF LIFE.

III Trust and Obey
1. Ezra told king, "We can trust God" it took some doing.

2. He told people, "WE MUST OBEY GOD'S LAW" -- that took some doing, still does

3. It took knowing, too - "Set heart to study, ... do ... and teach."

"BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW; IT DOES NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE...BUT WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM..." -- 1 JOHN 3:2

INT. -- MAN ON STREET, HANDING OUT TRACTS --
"ARE YOU A XIANTH? YES, I AM." "ARE YOU SAVED?"
"YES, I AM." "HAPPEN?"

1. WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW

1. GOD IS LOVE, AND HIS LOVE IS EXPRESSED TO US", WRITES JOHN, (ALL WHO, BEING AWARE OF HIS LOVE THROUGH CHRIST, HAVE RESPONDED TO IT IN FAITH AND ACCEPTANCE) IN MAKING US HIS CHILDREN "when we say 'Our Father' and children of God"

2. PAUL SPEAKS OF ADOPTION -- (OF NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR ADOPTED CHILD) BUT GOD DOES STING TO US INSIDE, NOT ONLY LEGALLY

3. INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, WE ARE JUST AS TRULY ONE WITH HIM IN SPIRIT AS WE ARE PHYSICALLY PART OF OUR EARTHLY PARENTS -- (GOD "CALLED" CHDN OF GOD; WE ARE faith-adopted this as reality)

4. CHILDREN OF GOD NOW, WHATEVER MAY COME -- LIKE GRADUATE, "WHATEVER MAY COME.....DIPLOMA" 11 WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

1. IT DOES NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE DOUBT NOT THAT JOHN, OTHER APOSTLES, WONDERED AS WE DO, HOW IT COULD BE -- PAUL SAYS, "SOME WILL SAY, THEN...? WHAT BODY...? SPIRIT. BODY?"

2. JOHN SAYS, "WHEN IT IS MADE KNOWN (OR WHEN HE IS MADE KNOWN) WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

3. WE CAN'T IMAGINE OURSELVES APART FR BODY -- NEITHER CAN WE IMAGINE HOW GOD IS, W/ BODY BUT WE BEL THAT HE IS, IS MORE REAL, MORE COMPLETE BY FAR, THAN OURSELVES

4. WHATEVER GOD IS LIKE, THAT'S WHAT WE SHALL BE LIKE; MORE WE CAN'T KNOW, DON'T NEED 111 EVERYONE WHO TRUST HOPES IN HIM.....

1. IT IS A HOPE, NOT JUST A THEORY, HOPE IS SOMETHING FOR OURSELVES
2. JOHN HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT WHAT BEING CHDN OF GOD MEANS IN TERMS OF LIVING -- NO TIM

FAIREST LORD JESUS

"IT IS ENOUGH....DISCIPLE...TEACHER...SERVANT...AS HIS MASTER". -- MATT. 10:25

INT. -- Don't worry if people call you a devil, or a fanatic, or a do-gooder, they called Jesus all that (on us) 11 ENOUGH TO DEAR, LIKE HIM, WHAT GOD PUTS 1. "WHY DON'T YOUR DISCIPLES FAST?".....

"BRIDEGROOM....TIME ENOUGH TO FASTNECESSARY" 2. JESUS ATE AND GAVE THANKS -- HIS 40 DAY FAST WAS A VIGIL, FAST APPARENTLY ONLY INCIDENTAL, BEC. NO FOOD THERE -- TEMP. SUGGESTS IF ... BREAD, HE WOULD HAVE EATEN

3. THE SUFFERING THAT GOD SENDS IS ENOUGH NO NEED OF FLAGELLATIONS, NO NEED TO BROW TROUBLE AND PAIN. WIF THEY PERSECUTE YOU IN ONE VILLAGE, FLEE...." SO DID HE 4. THE DANGER GOD SENDS IS ENOUGH -- NO NEED TO COURT DANGER, THUS TEMPT GOD

11 FAIREST LORD JESUS 1. GOSP. GIVE NO DESCR. OF JESUS, ONLY FEEL TH. HE DID. FROM THEN WE SEE: peace, mercy, love, forgiveness, faith, hope, joy, etc.

H. WILL KILL YOU, JEWS SAUGHT TO STONE, GO AGAIN? -- CAREST NOT PERISH? 8. HATRED OF HYPOCRISY -- CLEAN INSIDE 9. COMPASSION FOR "SHEEP WITH NO SHEPHERD" CONTINUAL SEEKING FOR FLSPH OF FATH

E. WHOLE-HEARTED ACCEPT. OF F'S WILL F. LOVE, BASED ON CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVING GRACE -- Saints 111 NOT WORTHY TO TIE HIS SHOE ... lowly

1. THE IDEAL MAKES US AFRAID 2. "DEPART FROM ME....SINFUL MAN.... FEAR ME" HENCEFORTH FISHER OF MEN -- FEED MY SHEEP 3. BE IMITATORS OF ME, AS I OF X

"WHO KNOWETH WHETHER THOU ART COME TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?"

-- ESTHER 4:14

INT. -- ESTHER, ONLY BOOK OF BIBLE WITHOUT THE NAME OF GOD -- BUT THE IDEA THERE 11 THERE IS A THRILL FOR US IN ANY EMERGENCY

1. WAR -- MANY REMEMBER, ALMOST FONDLY, THE TENSION, GAS-RATIONING, DANGER 2. THE DEPRESSION -- WHEN NO SECURITY IN JOB NOR SKILL NOR MONEY -- SURVIVE IF POSSIBLE

3. ESTHER'S GREAT EMERGENCY -- WHO KNOWS....? 11 A GRAND AND AWFUL TIME

1. ACCELERATED PACE OF WORLD IN 20TH CENT. 2. GREAT THINGS IN CHURCHES -- PRES. USA PLAN TO DOUBLE BENEV -- BRAS. CH. PLAN TO DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP IN 10 YEARS -- HALF DONE

3. PLANS FOR STUDENT CENTERS (NATCHITOCHEES, COLLEGES, CAMP GROUNDS, NEW CHURCHES, EQUIPMENT) 4. RENEWED INTEREST IN CHURCHES, INCREASED NUMBERS -- IS IT A REVIVAL INDEED?

5. CHALLENGE TO EVANGELISM -- TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, REALLY REACH UNREACHED, AND HOLD MEMBERSHIP 6. VISION OF A CHURCH MADE UP, NOT MOSTLY OF NOMINAL MEMBERS, BUT ALL STUDYING, ALL PRAYING, ALL WORKING

111 EMPTATIC THOU

1. GOD CAN ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE, SOMEHOW, BUT THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE 2. HSIT DOWN, YOUNG MAN....HEATHEN....WITHOUT YOUR -- DO WE WANT IT DONE WITHOUT US?

3. SHALL WE BE CONTENT TO SIT ON SIDELINES FOREVER, WHILE GREAT THINGS ARE BEING DONE? 4. THE CHALLENGE OF THIS REVIVAL -- NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL YOU

"IN WHAT WERE YOU LESS FAVORED THAN THE REST OF THE CHURCHES, EXCEPT THAT I MYSELF DID NOT BURDEN YOU? FORGIVE ME THIS WRONG."
-- 11 Cor. 12:13

INT. - 11 COR., MINISTER'S LETTER, DIS-APPOINTMENT, HEARTBREAK, OPPOSITION INSTEAD OF COOPERATION, SUSPICION. CONFIDENCE, HATE INSTEAD OF LOVE, BUT ONLY TH. IN WH SLIGHTED I YOU WERE NOT ASKED TO FACE UP TO YOUR DUTY

1. EDITORIAL - OTHER SINS, E.G. INTIMP., GAMBLING, PUBLIC SCANDAL, PROCR., ELDERS TRY TO DO STHS; MAN WHO PLEDGES PITTANCE OR WITH-NEBODY SAYS A WORD.

2. PAUL COULDN'T ASK FOR HELP FOR HELP - WORK, DO WITHOUT, BUT COULD NOT ASK

3. HE REBBERD OTHER CHURCHES - MACEDONIA

4. FORGIVE THIS WRONG - IT WAS A WRONG I PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE ASKED

1. MOST PEOPLE RESPOND TO A "FAIR SHARE" APPROACH - UNITED FUND - J. NEWTON & MANSE

THE PAIN OF GOD

MIS EPHRAIM MY DEAR SON? IS HE MY DARLING CHILD? FOR AS OFTEN AS I SPEAK AGAINST HIM, I DO REMEMBER HIM STILL. THEREFORE MY HEART YEARN FOR HIM; I WILL SURELY HAVE MERCY ON HIM, SAYS THE LORD. -- Jer. 31:20

INT. - BOOK, THE PAIN OF GOD, KAZOH KITAHORI JAPANESE - THESIS, EVEN WHEN GOD PUNISHES, DESTROYS, HE STILL LOVES. THAT IS PAIN OF GOD

1. GOD IS KNOWN THRO HUMAN PAIN

1. 1777, TO FEAR, (OF THE SEA, OF BEASTS) TO BE EXCITED, TROUBLED, TO BE IN PAIN

2. PROPHETS, PSALMISTS, DESCRIBE CONDITION OF THEIR HEARTS BY THIS TERM:

A. Jer. 4:19, "MY ANGUISH... I WRITE IN PAIN MY HEART IS BEATING WILDLY"

B. Jer. 48:35, "MY HEART MOANS FOR HOSEA" (STRIKING HOW PROPHETS PREDICTED DESTROY ON OTHER NATIONS, SYRIA, TYRE, EVEN EGYPT, BUT ESP. HOSEA, WITH SORROW)

C. Ps. 55:17 EVENING, MORNING, NOON, I UTTER MY COMPLAINT, AND MOAN

D. Ps. 38:8 TUMULT OF MY HEART

HOSEA, LET US RETURN TO THE LORD; FOR HE HAS TORN, AND HE WILL HEAL US; HE HAS STRICKEN, AND HE WILL BIND US UP."

INT. - EARTH DAY AND THE CENSUS
1. GOD CARES ABOUT THE LAND - SOIL, AIR, WATER PLANTS, ANIMALS

1. ECOLOGY
2. LONG EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS - WORK OF GOD THROUGH COUNTLESS MILLIONS OF YEARS

3. THREAT OF DESTRUCTION OF IT ALL - BY NUCLEAR WAR - *in the Bible*

BY INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION OF AIR, WATER
BY RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES
BY DUMPING GARBAGE ON ROADSIDE

THE PEOPLE ARE PART OF ECOLOGY

1. TAKING CENSUS - "WHERE CROSS THE...WAYS"

2. OUR AREA - THE LAND MOST GREATLY BLEST IN NATURAL RESOURCES OF ALL THE WORLD - MIDDLE TENNESSEE, THE FAIREST PORTION OF THAT LAND

THE HIGHLAND RIM, UNIQUE COMBINATION OF FERTILITY AND NATURAL BEAUTY

3. NOT GHETTOS NOR SLUMS, BUT EVEN HERE - EXAMPLES OF WASTE, NEGLECT, UNCONCERN

4. TAKING CENSUS - MANY HOMES OF HONESTY, PATIENT EFFORT FOR DECENCY, KINDNESS

5. BUT EVEN HERE "HAUNTS OF WRETCHEDNESS..."

6. IF THE PEOPLE DESTROY THE ECOLOGY, THEY DESTROY THEMSELVES - "GOD, SAVE THE PEOPLE RETURN UNTO THE LORD"

1. HOSEA PREACHED IN TIME OF GREAT PROSPERITY, OFTEN AT COST OF EXPLOITATION OF POOR

2. RULERS PLAYED INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, EGYPT, ASSYRIA - AS WE TODAY, FASCISM, COMMUNISM

3. PROPHETS PREACHED OF DESTRUCTION - CAME! BUT HE LETS US SUFFER CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FOLLY - RETURN TO GOD...TORN...MEAL

4. RETURN, REPENT - GOD'S PURPOSE IS GOOD, BUT HE LETS US SUFFER CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FOLLY - RETURN TO GOD...TORN...MEAL

5. BUT HE LETS US SUFFER CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FOLLY - RETURN TO GOD...TORN...MEAL

"WE ARE NOT OF THEM WHO DRAW BACK UNTO PERDITION, BUT OF THEM WHO BELIEVE." N

-- HEB. 10:39

INT. - HEB. WRITTEN TO THOSE FACING GRT CHANGES, WORLD SHAKING EVENTS, DESTR. OF FORMER FOUNDATIONS

1 A BETTER COVENANT

1. NO LONGER ONE NATION, BUT ALL PEOPLE
2. NO LONGER DAILY SACR. BUT ONCE FOR A
3. NO LONGER ONE TEMPLE, BUT UNIV. CHUR
4. NO LONGER PRIESTHOOD OF ONE TRIBE,

BUT X GRT HIGH PRIEST, THRO WHOM ALL HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO GOD.

11 GOD CONTINUALLY CHALLENGES HIS PEOPLE WITH IMPOSSIBILITIES

1. ADMISSION OF GENTILES
2. "SEPARATE ME BARNABAS AND SAUL"
3. NECESSITY OF ORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY
4. "THEY SHOULD BE ANGELS"
5. "HERE I STAND"
6. "IN THIS GENERATION"

111 FAITH FOR A CHANGING WORLD - Forward

1. YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NEW IDEAS - YOUNG PREACHERS MAY SHOCK CONSERVATIVE OLD

2. PLACE OF WOMEN IN CHURCH

3. REVIVAL PLANS AND PROGRAMS OF INSTITUTIONS - DAVE STITT

4. RACE QUESTION - DELIV. OF GEN. ASSEMBLY SOUTH AFRICA. APARTHEID - BANTU PRES.

CHURCH TO CH. OF SCOTLAND

"WE STILL BELIEVE THAT GOD DISPOSES, WHERE MEN CAN ONLY PLAN".

JAMES - "Respect of persons"

"HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE TO THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE DIED AND WAS RAISED." N

INT. - SOME SAID PAUL WAS CRAZY, FOXY IF CRAZY, FOR GOD, IF SMART, FOR YOU - COMPELLED BY LOVE OF X

1 HE DIED FOR ALL

1. ALL UNDER CONDEMNATION, ALL HAVE SINNED

THOSE IGNORANT OF LAW, STILL KNOW STHG OF GOD, OF RIGHT AND WRONG

THOSE WHO KNOW LAW, REBEL AGAINST IT

THOSE WHO KNOW LAW, TRY TO KEEP, FAIL

2. HE TOOK ON HELP THE SIN, GUILT, DEATH OF ALL - "ONE DIED FOR ALL, ALL DEAD"

IF YOU HE MADE ALIVE, WHO WERE DEAD IN SIN

3. HE DIED FOR ALL, BUT NOT ALL BELIEVE

11 HE DIED TO BRING US LIFE

1. NOT THE SORT OF LIFE WE HAD (RATHER, DID NOT HAVE) BEFORE - *but we wanted an all*

2. OUR DEATH WAS SEPARATION FROM GOD, OUR LIFE IS RECONCILIATION

3. THOSE WHO BELIEVE, ACCEPT, OFTEN DON'T FEEL A RADICAL CHANGE - STILL SINNERS,

STILL FEEL THE NEED TO CONFESS SIN, REPENT

4. NOT AN EASY, MAGIC RELIEF FROM ALL OUR TROUBLES, BUT A NEW LIFE - FOR NOW...

1. WHAT DID THIS MEAN FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR GOD HE STILL WANTED TO PAUL, WHO WROTE? BUT ALL THESE LEGS IMP. TH BELONGING TO X

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO US? WE STILL HAVE OUR PLANS, CAREERS, WORK, HOBBIES, HOMES, AMBITIONS, FRIENDS - BUT ALL SUBJECT TO X

3. COMMUNION IS PLEDGE OF OUR ACCEPTANCE of his death for us of our...

"HE THAT GOES FORTH WEeping, BEARING THE SEED FOR SOWING." N

INT. - HARVEST TIME - PICKING PEASANTS PREVIOUS SEED *But some get better of seed and some, PRECIOUS SEED*

1. PS. 126 - BACK FROM CAPTIVITY - GT JOY, BUT HARD TIMES, TOO - THIS WAS LIKE SOWING

2. FAMINE IN BESSARABIA, 1920 - IT'S THE SE AMERICA, OVER PRODUCTION; BUT FAMINE REAL

IN MANY PLACES

3. PRECIOUS SEED, NEEDED FOR BREAD. NOT LITERALLY WEeping, BUT PLANTING WHAT THEY REALLY NEEDED TO EAT, SACRIFICING PRESENT

NEED TO LONG RANGE PLANS.

4. STEWARDSHIP - USING OUR RESOURCES, NOT JUST FOR PRESENT NEED, BUT FOR LONG RANGE PLANS.

11 HOW MUCH DO WE CARE WHETHER CHURCH GOES

1. DO WE CARE ENOUGH TO DO WITHOUT STHG WE REALLY WANT, OR ONLY GIVE WHAT WE CAN SPARE?

2. EXAMPLE: CAN CHURCH GO ON WITHOUT MINIST

DOCE'S, MISSIONARIES? DO WE CARE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIES? SEMINARIES CAN'T HAK

MINISTERS JUST OUT OF MONEY - CHURCH COLLEGE

XIAN ED PROM, INCL. SUMMER CAMPS, ETC. DO WE CARE ENOUGH TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO SEEK

CHURCH VOCATIONS?

3. DO WE CARE ENOUGH TO COMMIT OURSELVES? OR DO WE SAY, "I'LL GIVE, BUT..."

111 THE CHURCH IS NOT JUST THIS CHURCH

1. "BENEVOLENCES" - "WHY ARE THEY ALWAYS ASKING FOR MORE?" HCL - "DON'T ASK ME TO GIVE... OVERSEAS" * *(over)*

2. GRAND BAY - PRES. SPENT OVER 30,000 ALRO

3. DEAREST CHURCH OF ALL IS ONE THAT LIVES JUST FOR ITSELF *life of church to be able to*

LIVING DANGEROUSLY

THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

-- MARK 12:31

INT. -- QUESTION OF JESUS -- LAST SUN -- TODAY

I CONSIDERATION AND CONCERN

1. FOR POOR AND STRANGER, DEAF AND BLIND
2. NO PARTIALITY, NO EXPLOITATION
3. NO HATRED, NO VENGEANCE, NO GRUDGE
4. LOVE -- AS YOURSELF

II WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

1. OK, THAT'S THE LAW, NOW DEFINE TERMS
2. JESUS -- PARABLE OF GOOD SAMARITAN
3. A PERSON WE NEVER SAW BEFORE -- FOREIGNER AT THAT

4. AND WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE OF OTHER NATIONS? OTHER RACES? PEOPLE WHO ARE TRASH, BUMS, DIRTY, WHO DON'T CARE AND NEVER WILL? CRIMINALS?

5. WE MUST SOMETIMES DEFEND OURSELVES, SOME MUST BE SOLDIERS, POLICE -- MAY HAVE TO KILL.

6. BUT ARE WE EVER ALLOWED TO HATE, OR TO HOLD IN CONTEMPT? HYANKEE, GO HOME!"

III LIVING DANGEROUSLY *and not softy*

1. PRIEST, LEVITE -- DEFENDERS, 1/14/65, PPL WHO SAW BOYS MURDERING MAN FOR KICKS, WOULD NOT INTERVENE OR EVEN CALL POLICE -- "HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED." *Negroes as used*
2. IT IS DANGEROUS TO HELP PEOPLE -- STILL MORE DANGEROUS TO LOVE -- IT MAY COST MONEY, BREAK YOUR HEART

3. BUT THAT'S THE WAY JESUS LIVED -- LOVING PEOPLE WHO WERE BAD, PEOPLE WHO LET HIM DOWN, BETRAYED HIM, PUT HIM TO DEATH

4. AND THAT'S THE WAY HE CALLS US TO LIVE

"He that loveth not... he is not in love"

How beautiful are the feet..." -- Isa. 52:

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Int. -- Prayer and SELF denial

I Are FEET Beautiful?

1. Symbol of GOING -- bearing message of release -- "Publish glad tidings..."
2. Release is beautiful -- Relief of Luck even bagpipes *by people of world of peace*
3. "Feet" -- Steamboats, jeeps, trucks, planes -- hospitals, schools, churches -- doctors, nurses, teachers, ministers

II "Feet" don't Go Alone

1. The rest of the body goes along -- Little feet, be careful...
2. We could send jeeps, trucks, planes, prb. put to bad use
3. The only way to send God's love is in a human package

4. And even then the package is insecure
 III -- at our best we represent him but poorly, when we rep. best we are often misunderstood, stms resented and hated

III Surely "You can't Mean ME!"

1. What sort of people? Xian people,
2. What sort of gifts? Ministers, teachers pilots, mechanics, agronomists, musicians
3. People who can't be satisfied merely to make plans for "MY" future, success, wealth, prestige -- we belong to X, make our plans accordingly
4. Some, "We're too old" Not too old to wish, to care, to pray. Never a time for a Xian to be indifferent --

5. Pray the Lord of the harvest -- and send body, maybe your son, "Here am I, send me!"

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE EARTH

INTRODUCTION

"If my land has cried out against me,
 I And its furrows have wept together;
 If I have eaten its yield without payment,
 And caused the death of its owners;
 Let thorns grow instead of wheat,
 And foul weeds instead of barley."

--Job. 31:38-40

Int. -- Rural Life Sunday

I Job's Soliloquy

1. (If, as you accuse, I am such a sinner) Retribution should be in kind -- not bills
2. If I have done THIS, let THAT be punishment
3. If my land cries out..... Poetic figure

II What Can Make the Land Cry out?

1. Eating its yield without payment
 - a. No care for land itself, neglect, erosion failure to develop -- ecology -- wild life
 - b. No recognition of land itself -- our dependence
 - c. No recognition of God, the Giver
2. Causing the Death of its Owners
 - a. Ravages of war *Arctic lands will even make more*
 - b. Economic and social pressures
 - c. Death or its equivalent -- driving away
3. Nobody Has a Right to Abuse the Land, Be He Ever So Much Owner

III Job Recognized a Responsibility to Land

1. Note, "My" land, vs. "its owners"
2. The Earth is the Lord's... The soil, miner, plant and animal life, all part of "The Earth," part of "My Land", whoever owns it.
3. Even the people, "Made from dust"

IV What Does All This Mean to Us?

1. The mystery of earth's fruitfulness should never be despised, forgotten *the work of God is not to be forgotten*
2. That whether or not we ever own a foot of land, it is still "My Land", will cry out if abused. Whether or not we ever plow a furrow, we are responsible for the land and its people
3. That whoever holds title, "The earth is the Lord's." and we are all his.

"FRAGGING THE BEAST"

"WHOEVER SAYS, 'YOU FOOL!' SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE HELL (GEHENNA) OF FIRE." - MATT. 5:22

INT. - WHY SUCH A PENALTY FOR THIS WORD?

MORON - JESUS USED IT, MATT. 23:17 - NOT THE WORD, BUT ATTITUDE TOWARD BROTHER

I FRAGGING THE BEAST - (FRAGMENTATION GRENADE)

1. ENEMY IS A GEEK, DINK, SLOPE.... (NOT A HUMAN BEING) - OFFICER IS A BEAST, POLICEMAN

A PIG - OK KILL PIGS, WE DEHUMANIZE THEM

2. SO "FOOL", OR RACA, OR WHATEVER, GODLESS

COMMUNIST - NOT A PERSON - DOESN'T MATTER

WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM - (OR HIPPIE)

3. "BACKASS!" "MY BROTHER!"

11 MY BROTHER AND I - ANGRY...JUDGMENT

1. ".....KILL.....JUDGMENT; /.....RACA.....SANDERIN,

.....FOOL.....GEHENNA....."

2. "OFFERING YOUR GIFT....SE RECONCILING TO YOUR BROTHER"

3. JESUS, FIRST COM., "LOVE GOD....SECOND, LOVE NEIGHBOR (BROTHER)"

4. JOHN (1 Jo. 4:20) "IF A MAN SAYS, 'I LOVE GOD,' AND HATES HIS BROTHER....LIAR HE CANNOT BE A MAN LOVE GOD....NOT SEEN, ..BROTHER...."

5. WHEN WE REJECT OUR BROTHER, REJECT GOD

111 HELL - "WHY DON'T YOU PREACH ABOUT IT?"

1. NO CLEAR DOCTRINE OF H. IN BIBLE - SHEOL

HADES, GEHENNA, TARTARUS, AND LAKE OF FIRE

CHURCH FORMULATED DOCTRINE OF H AND PURGATOR

2. WHAT CAN WE BELIEVE ABOUT HELL?

A. GOD'S MERCY IS GREAT, DO NOT JUDGE

B. GOD IS CERTAINLY NOT VINDICTIVE

C. BUT ACTIONS, ATTITUDES, HAVE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES - WHEN WE REJECT GOD, FINALLY AND COMPLETELY, WE DESTROY GOD'S IMAGE IN OURSELVES - THIS IS "SECOND DEATH", "HELL"

D. "WHICH WAY I FLY IS HELL...."

E. SON WHO REJECTS FATHER STILL LOVED, F STILL

"HE WAS Y'S LOVE - IF" - "DESC. INTO HELL"

P. GOD Y'S LOVE - IF REJECT LOVE, REJECT GOD

"IF WE BELIEVE NOT, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL, HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF." - 11 TIM. 2:13

INT. - "FAITHFUL SAYING" - CREEDS - EARLY STATEMENT OF FAITH - "IF WE GOD WILL.. - BUT LAST PART SAYS, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO....."

1. GOD IS GOD!

1. NO MATTER HOW WE DISOBEY, REJECT, DISBEL

2. JUST AS MY FATHER IS STILL MY FATHER, EVEN IF I CHANGE MY NAME, TURN AGAINST ALL HE STOOD FOR - I MAY DISOWN, STILL MY FATHER

3. HOSEA 11:8-9, "HOW CAN I HAND YOU OVER? ...I AM GOD, AND NOT MAN" (HOSEA LEARNED HARD

4. 1 JOHN 2:2 "EXPIATION....NOT OURS ONLY.... WHOLE WORLD"

11 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GOD'S CHILD?

1. DO I HAVE TO DO STHG, OR AM I HIS CHILD NO MATTER WHAT I DO?

2. PRODIGAL SON - AT HOME, SAFE BUT REBELL! HE WAS A SON LEAVING, INSISTING ON OWN WAY, STILL A SON; DRINKING AND CAROUSING, STILL A SON; BROKE AND HUNGRY, STILL A SON; BUT WHEN HE DISCOVERED, ACKNOWLEDGED HIS SONSHIP, WAS HE NOT STILL MORE A SON?

4. ALL THIS TIME THE FATHER LOVED HIM - HE MINGLED WITH JOY IN RETURN, STILL MORE A FATHER

111 HE REMAINS FAITHFUL - CANNOT DENY HIMSELF

1. WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT, WHETHER WE BELIEVE OR NOT, WHETHER WE OBEY OR NOT, GOD IS OUR FATHER, X DIED FOR US

2. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT? I DON'T KNOW. ALL OUR DOCTRINES HUMAN CONCEPTS OF THINGS ONLY PARTLY GRASPED BUT EVEN IN HELL, GOD IS STILL MERCY, LOVE

2. "THEN I'LL DO AS I PLEASE" OK, PRODIGAL SON DID TOO, FATHER DID NOT STOP HIM

3. "HAS GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE? NO!"

4. DOES THAT MEAN ISRAEL? YES! AMERICA? YES! RUSSIA? CHINA? VIET CONG? ANGELA DAVIS? BLACK PANTHERS? YES!

5. COME TO ISRAEL - GOD LOVED US, EVEN TO DEATH HE CAME TO CHANGE - BUT WE CAN CHANGE!

"THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE LAW, PRAISE THE WICKED."

INT. - "OH, THAT'S MEAN! LET'S US DO THAT

1. PRAISING THE WICKED

1. PROVERBS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - WISDOM

2. THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE LAW TAKE THEIR STAND WITH THE WICKED.

3. CRIMINALS OPENLY FLOUT THE LAW - OTHERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOOPHOLES, DELAYS, TECHNICALITIES - MRS. ROSE

4. OTHERS "TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS"

5. ALL WHO REJECT THE LAW AS THE NORM OF LIFE, PRAISE THE WICKED - LET'S US DO THAT!

11 WHAT IS THE LAW?

1. "POWERS THAT BE ARE ORDAINED OF GOD" THAT MEANT NERO - WAS HE ORDAINED? EVEN WHEN HE PERSECUTED XIANS?

2. POLICE BRUTALITY, CORRUPTION

3. YET CITIZENS OWE A DUTY OF OBEDIENCE - XIANS ESPECIALLY, WHO RECOGNIZE EVEN A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT AT GOD'S INSTRUMENT

4. BUT IS GOV'T ALWAYS RIGHT? IS IT EVER RIGHT TO DISOBEY? TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT?

ARK. EVOLUTION LAW - AMERICAN REVOLUTION

5. COURT HOUSE "ULTIMATE LAW IS WILL OF PPL BUT IS IT? EVEN IF MAJORITY PASSES DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION, UNJUST TO MINORITY?

6. JUDEO-XIANS BEL THAT BACK OF HUMAN LAW.... 111 THE LAW OF GOD

1. NOT MERELY 10 COM., BUT LAW OF CEREMONY, WORSHIP, TITHES, SACRIFICES

2. PS. 19 CALLS IT "SWEET" - HOW CAN IT BE?

3. PSYCHOLOGISTS SAY TEEN-AGERS SUBCONSCIOUS WANT AUTHORITY, EVEN WHEN THEY REBEL AG. IT

4. ALL OF US NEED, REALLY WANT, STHG THAT MAKES DEMANDS OF US, KEEPS US ON TRACK

5. NT "LAW OF LIBERTY" XIAN IDEAL - COMMITMENT

THE TROUBLE MAKER

"IS IT YOU, YOU TROUBLER OF ISRAEL?"

INT. - 1 KINGS, BOOK OF MONTH ANAD AND E

1 THE BOOKS OF KINGS -- FIRST KINGS

1. WHO WROTE, WHEN? APPARENTLY OFFICIAL

RECORDS AND ORAL TRADITIONS, COMBINED AND

EDITED, PHPS IN TIME OF JOSIAH (CHRON. WAS

SAME AND OTHER MATERIAL, EDITED EZRA'S DAY,

2. COVERS PERIOD C. 900-600 B.C. 58 PP

1 AND 11 CONCERNED W/ ISRAEL AND JUDAH, BUT

1 MORE WITH ISRAEL, 11 MORE WITH JUDAH.

3. HERE AGAIN, WHO SAVED THE RECORDS IN

TIME OF DESTRUCTION OF SAMARIA, JERUSALEM?

GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN PRESERVING WAS VITAL

PART OF PROCESS OF INSPIRATION

4. LAW, PROPHETS, WRITINGS - KINGS INCL.

IN PROPHETS. IT IS ABOUT PROPHETS, AND KING

11 ELIJAH, CENTRAL FIGURE OF 1 KINGS

1. A "TROUBLE MAKER" - ONE WHO COULD NOT

KEEP SILENCE AT SEEING LAW OF GOD FLOUTED

AHAB AND NABOTH - JEZEBEL'S IDOLATRY - DOGS

2. ELIJAH AND DROUGHT - AND END OF DROUGHT

HOW COULD HE KNOW? (OK, HE WAS A PROPHET,

HE JUST KNEW) HE DID NOT KNOW; BUT HE BELVED

AND CALLED HIS SHOTS

3. JAMES CITBS EX. OF PRAYER OF FAITH - NOT

BLIND FAITH, BUT CONFIDENT ASSERTION, WAIT

FOR FULFILLMENT, "LOOK TO THE SEA"

4. YOU ARE THE TROUBLE MAKER - AHAB NOT ALL

SAD, REALLY A GOOD KING; BUT

111 BASIC ISSUE - WAS ISRAEL TO LIVE BY LAW

OF GOD, OR BY CONTEMPORARY STANDARDS?

1. REL. AND CIVIL LAW SAME - OFTEN DISREG

2. REL. TOLERANCE WRONG?

"THERE IS HOPE FOR YOUR FUTURE"

-JER, 31:17

"WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT"

* 11 Cor. 5:7

INT. - NEW YEAR, STUDENT SUNDAY

1 THE PROPHETS WALKED BY FAITH, NOT SIGHT

1. WE ERRONEOUSLY IMAGINE PROPHETS HAD

PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OF FUTURE - 1 PET. 1:10,

"PROPHETS SEARCHED, INQUIRED..." ELIJAH,

PRAYING, WAITING FOR CLOUD; JER., HAD,

NO GOD, WHY? NO GOD, HOW LENGTHY NO GOD,

1 CAN'T STAND THIS.

2. THEY SPOKE, WROTE, NOT FROM PERFECT KNOW

BUT OUT OF PROFOUND CONVICTION THAT WHAT

THEY WERE SAYING, GOD WAS SAYING

3. OFTEN "PREACHED DESTRUCTION, "GOD CAN'T

STAND HALF-HEARTEDNESS, WANTON DISOBEDIENCE

HE WILL DESTROY ALL, NOT LEAVE A MAN IN

4. THEN THEY TURNED RIGHT AROUND, SAID,

"GOD SAYS, 'I HAVE LOVED...' THERE IS HOPE IN

11 HOW DID COLLEGE STUDENTS FEEL, 500 B.C.?

1. AS THEY FACED, NOT JUST REVERSAL OF

FORTUNES, BUT TOTAL DEFEAT, DESTRUCTION -

ALL THE WORLD THEY KNEW WAS FALLING IN RUIN

2. "OUR FATHERS SAID THE LAND WOULD SAVE

US - NOW LOOK!" (RELIGION IS A FRAUD, JUST

THE OPiate OF THE PEOPLE)

3. "OUR FATHERS MADE PLANS, MILITARY ALLIANCE

NOW LOOK!" (TRUE, JER., OTHER "CONSERVATIVES"

DENOUNCED SUCH PLANS - DID ANY STUDENTS TAKE

JEREMIAH'S SIDE? ANYWAY, HE WAS DEALT WITH)

4. "NOW WE ARE RUINED - NO HOPE IN BUT JER.

SAID, "THERE IS HOPE FOR YOUR FUTURE"

11 2500 YEARS, WE STILL WALK BY FAITH

1. WHAT ABOUT NAT'L LIFE - INSTITUTIONS

CRUMBLING, RIOTS DESTROY CITIES - PPL INTENT

ON LUXURY, MORAL VALUES FORGOTTEN?

2. WHAT ABOUT CHURCH - DESERTIONS, NOTHING?

3. WHAT ABOUT US? - WE DON'T HAVE TO SEE

FUTURE - IF ONE STEP, TAKE THAT, IF NOT,

WAIT - WALK BY FAITH - THERE IS HOPE

"HOSEY YOUR LEADERS, AND SUBMIT TO THEM,.....
KEEPING WATCH OVER YOUR SOULS."

--HEBREWS 13:17

INT. - INSTALLATION TONIGHT

1 THE GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE CHUR

1. PROMISE MADE ON JOINING THE CHURCH

2. YOUR LEADERS -- TEACHING AND RULING EL

3. NEW KEEPING WATCH - IF ANY MEMBER GROW

LAX IN XIAN LIFE, DUTY OF ELDERS TO TRY TO

BRING SUCH A ONE TO ACTIVITY AGAIN

4. RESPONSIBLE MEN, WHO MUST GIVE ACCOUNT

5. LIKE X, RULE NOT IN ARROGANCE, BUT IN

SELF GIVING LOVE.

11 REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

1. QUESTION AT PRESBYTERY - ARE YOU PRESS

2. GOVERNMENT, NOT BY ONE, NOR BY VOTE OF

MAJORITY, BUT BY REPRESENTATIVES IN COUNCIL

BAPTISTS HAVE ELDERS, BUT THEY DON'T RUL

METH. HAVE ELDERS WHO DO RULE, BUT ARE N

REPRESENTATIVES OF PEOPLE

3. PRES. GOVERNED BY ELDERS WHO ARE CHOSEN

BY PEOPLE, RESPONSIBLE, NOT TO PEOPLE, BUT

TO X, HEAD OF THE CHURCH

4. G. A. MADE OF REP. OF PRESBYTERIES, WH

ARE MADE UP OF..... WHAT G.A. DOES, WE DO.

EX. CHANGES IN BK OF CH. ORD - CONG. DOESN'T

VOTE ON THEM, BUT BINDING ON US. GA ENTRUST

WORK TO BOARDS, THEY ARE DOING OUR WORK. CL

111 THE CHURCH IN REFORMED THEOLOGY

1. THE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE CHURCH

2. OTHER DENOM. WE ACCEPT ALL WHO ACKM. X

AS LORD. WE DEPLORE DIVISIONS, STRIVE TO

MAKE OUR OWN PART AS PURE AS WE CAN

3. AND WE CALL ON PEOPLE TO BE LOYAL TO CL

CH - OBEY - LORDS MAY DO STHG YOU DISAPPROVE

BUT STILL IN

"This Jesus God raised up, and of them we all are witnesses." -- Acts 2:32

Int. -- Were you there... my Lord?

Does his resurrection concern us?

I The Apostles and other Christians Witnesses

1. That was the central theme of their

preaching -- e.g., Acts 17:31 13:30-33

2. Sol. of Matthias -- to be a witness

3. Acts 10:41 -- "Not to all... but to us

who were chosen by God as witnesses"

II The Apostles Are Gone, but Their

witness remains

1. Their life and death bear witness still

2. The church, by its existence is W.

3. The Lord's Day

4. The Communion -- commemoration of

Death, nothing more pointless if he had

stayed dead.

5. Paul, "We are found false witnesses"

if the dead rise not

III What Sort of Witnesses Are WE?

1. Our presence here today is testimony

that we believe this -- but do we believe

only once a year?

2. Do we believe that this is important

enough to tell people about *not least by*

3. Do we consider it such a trivial thing

that it is not worth going to any trouble

IV If it Happened at All, it is Important

1. It makes all the difference bet. life

and death

2. And it DID happen, plenty of witnesses

3. Therefore, tell it, live it, act on

it, because it is vitally important

WHY DO WE WORSHIP GOD?

"Doth Job fear God for naught?" -- Job 1:9

Int. -- Visitor who read whole book at

morning prayer -- Job, Book of the Month

I THE PAYOFF --

1. Satan "Of course Job serves God. Look

what he's getting out of it!"

2. Many people in Job's day thought that

way -- if you worship God, God will pay you

off with good crops, long life, health,

worldly success.

3. And conversely, when a person suffers

misfortune, sickness, loss of children, etc.

it is because he has sinned, and is being

punished for it.

4. The Book of Job is an argument against

point of view

II We Like to Think That We Can Control God

1. Aladdin's lamp -- genie under control --

you rubbed the lamp, he appeared, carried

out orders -- but if you rubbed, no genie,

say, "the heck with such nonsense!"

2. So people say, "I'm a Xian, I carry a

Bible with me, (or maybe St. Christopher)

I expect God to look after me, protect from

danger, accident, sickness -- if not..."

a. Men said, "I joined church, attended

for a while, then I wanted the profr to

do so and so for me, he wouldn't. Thro!"

b. Min, cand. (B'ham, told by Grace) as!

for boy, girl born, "Bible says, 'Ask wh

you will,' I asked, didn't get, I'm thro"

c. "God was unjust, took away MY child..."

III We Worship God because He is GOD

1. HE gives the orders -- we worship humbly

2. Jesus, happy the poor, persecuted, etc

"He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve,
...500... James... last of all, to Me."

-- I Cor. 15:5-8

Int. -- In I Cor. 15, Paul is not seeking

to prove the resurrection of X. He states

it as a fact, known and accepted, even by

his opponents, who failed to see significance

I Paul Mentions Outstanding Appearances

of Jesus after Resurrection, but not all

1. Matthew -- the two Marys, then the 11

2. Mark -- None, only empty tomb

3. Luke -- Simon, two at Emmaus, 11 with

those two -- and in acts, the ascension grp.

4. John -- Mary M., 11 less Thomas, 11 w/ 11

Seven at the Lake

5. Paul also says, "to James", "to Me"

II Manner of His Appearance

1. Sometimes he was there, they saw nothing

2. Sometimes they could see, not recognize

a. Mary that he was the gardener

b. Two on Emmaus Road

c. Seven at the Lake

3. They knew by the way he spoke, acted

4. When they did see, they were sure

III Lo, I Am with You Always

1. Always with us, and we can't see -- rare

ly, someone does.

2. "Aos infieis, Senhor", but he does not

show himself that way -- they can't see him

3. Galahad, "Saw ye no more? I saw the HG

-- How many go to church, see nothing but

common things

4. WHEN saw we thee hungry...?

"HARD I SAW THE DEAD, GREAT AND SMALL... AND BOOKS WERE OPENED... ANOTHER BOOK... IF ANY-ONE'S NAME WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN..."

---REV. 20:12-15

INT. - REVELATION, NOT A CHART OF HISTORY BUT A REVELATION OF GOD AND HUMAN DESTINY CLOSING SCENES, GREAT JUDGMENT, AND HEAVEN I DEATH AND RESURRECTION...

1. THIS LIFE TAKES ON MEANING IN LIGHT OF

ETERNITY - THIS IS BEGINNING

2. CAT. "THE SOULS OF BELIEVERS..."

3. DEPART AND BE WITH X, FAR BETTER, THIS DAY... IN PARADISE

3. RESURRECTION OF THE BODY... HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP? ...WHAT BODY?

4. "AT THE RESURRECTION... ACK, AND ACQUITTED IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT..."

II REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS

1. DAY OF JUDGMENT - HUMAN CONCEPT APPLIED TO SOMETHING TOO VAST FOR US TO CONCEIVE

2. JUDGED BY ...WRITTEN IN BOOKS, WHAT DONE RECORDING ANGEL, PUT IT ALL DOWN - HUMAN CONCEPT, THIS, BUT IN FACT ALL WE DO,

GOOD AND BAD, REALLY HAPPENED, RECORDED IN MIND OF GOD, OPEN TO HIM, AND IN THAT DAY TO US AND ALL MEN. *Enough to pass?*

3. HEVEN CUP OF COLD WATER... REWARD

4. BASHFUL... UNTO MEN - WE MAY FAIL TO SEE SIGNIF. OF ACTS, BUT ULTIMATE MEANING IS RELATION TO X

III IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?

1. MANY BOOKS, THE BOOK - THIS IS VITAL

2. THEN WHY THE OTHERS? IRRELEVANT? THE RECORD IS PART OF US. CAN WE BE PROUD? MUST WE BE ASHAMED? SURELY PRIDE AND SHAME WILL HAVE PASSED AWAY, BUT WE ASIDE, RECORD & ALL

3. LK 10:20. SESSION BOOK. THE SOUL.

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND LEAN NOT TO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING."

--- PROV. 3:5

INT. - ATHEISTS, WE READ ABOUT IN BOOKS DO WE KNOW ANY?

1 THERE ARE ATHEISTS, AGNOSTICS, HERETICS WHO, AND WHY?

2. RUSSIANS, OF COURSE, SCIENTISTS

3. SOME CLAIM TO BE A, TO SUCK PEOPLE, OR BEC. THEY THINK IT IS "ADVANCED" --- ALSO BEC. EXCUSE TO DISREGARD INCONVENIENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

4. GREATER CONCERN FOR THOSE WHO CLAIM FAITH, LIVE IN DISREGARD OF IT

5. BUT SOME SINCERELY REJECT FAITH, BEC. CONFRONTED WITH...

II THINGS WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND, OR EXPLAIN

1. TH. OUTSIDE OUR EXPERIENCE - GOD, SPIR FUTURE LIFE

2. STATEMENTS OF FACT IN BIBLE, CONTRARY TO ORDINARY HUMAN EXPERIENCE - MIRACLES, RESURRECTION OF X --- MATE ON BONIFACE, WHAT

3. DIFFICULT DOCTRINES - INCARNATION, TRINITY, PREDESTINATION, ETC.

4. FACTS OF EXPERIENCE THAT SEEM TO BELIE GOODNESS OF GOD - DISASTERS, SICKNESSES, DO

III RELIGION DEPENDS, NOT ON UNDERSTANDING BUT ON FAITH

1. IF WE COULD EXPLAIN IT, IT WOULD NOT BE FAITH - TENNYSON - BEL. WH. CANNOT PROV MORE FAITH IN HONEST DOUBT...

2. "HOLD ON THAT ASSUMPTION" --- BUILD PLAN HOPE, IDEALS, CONDUCT, ON IT

3. THIS WAS PROCEDURE OF ABRAHAM, DAVID, OTHERS. - PSALMIST, "TH CONTINUALLY SAY, WHEN ONLY, ANSWER, TRUST... HEART... NOT... UNDERSTAND"

SPIRITUAL MALNUTRITION

"FOR THIS CAUSE MANY ARE WEAK AND SICKLY AMONG YOU, AND MANY SLEEP." --- 1 COR. 11:30

INT. --- PROFITING FROM MISTAKES OF OTHERS --- CHURCH IN ALL AGES PR. FR MIST. OF CORINT I JUDGMENT --- NOT REFORMATION

1. PEOPLE FRIGHTENED BY THIS WORD - IF I MAKE A MISTAKE HERE, LOST FOREVER

2. WHEN WE ARE JUDGED, WE ARE CHASTENED... NOT CONDEMNED WITH THE WORLD

3. IF WE JUDGED OURSELVES RIGHTLY WE WOULD NOT BE GUILTY OF THIS, BECAUSE WE SHOULD PERCEIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

II MAKING NO DISTINCTION - BETWEEN THE L'S BODY AND ORDINARY FOOD (SO JONYSBEARE AND H)

1. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER A COMMON CUSTOM AMONG GREEKS - ADOPTED IN CHURCH

2. BUT SINCE CHURCH INCL. VARIOUS SOCIAL STRATA, FORMED INTO CLIQUES, ATE ACCORDING

3. THEY CONFUSED THIS WITH LORD'S SUPPER

4. BUT OTHERS "MAKE NO DISTINCTION"

A. MINISTER WHO SERVED COM. IN T SHIRT

B. PEOPLE WHO DO IT IN PERFUNCTORY WAY

C. PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT RECEIVE FROM CERTAIN ELDER, OR NEXT CERTAIN PERSON

D. PEOPLE WHO ABSTAIN BEC. OF SUPERST. FEAR

E. PEOPLE ABSENT FROM SERVICE BEC. OF CARELESSNESS, FORGETFULNESS, OR OTHER INTER

III SPIRITUAL MALNUTRITION

1. THIS IS THE CHASTENING, INEVITABLE RESULT

2. LACK OF SPIR. FOOD CAUSES WEAKNESS, THE SICKNESS

3. AND THESE IN TURN MAKE IT HARDER TO EAT AND DIGEST

".....DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS....." ROM. 1:30G
INT - XIAN FAMILY WEEK - "MOTHERS' DAY,
ORIGIN, EXPLOITATION - "I LOVE YOU, MOTHER...."

THE TEXT -- WHY?

1. ROM. 1, A CATALOG OF GROSS SINS AND CRIMES SO BAD WE DON'T LIKE TO READ IT - WHY, IN THE MIDST OF IT, "DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS"?
2. IS THE REJECTION OF RESPONSIBILITY TO FAMILY TIES SO SERIOUS? (AFTER ALL, 5TH COM. IS RIGHT IN THERE WITH 6TH, 7TH, 8TH)
3. QUOTE FROM DATELINE - LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND WHAT IS LOST, RESTORE IT.

THE GENERATION GAP

1. THE DESIRE TO BE ON OUR OWN - TO BE FREE FROM THE PAST, ALL OF US FEEL THIS. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. *Chuck Stone - This College Senior*
2. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOUNG PEOPLE, GRANDPA WAS YOUNG ONCE, FELT MUCH LIKE YOU DO. BEL. OR NOT, ELDERS, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU USED TO BE.
3. HERE IN OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, PROBLEM NOT SO GRAVE AS IN SOME AREAS; BUT STILL A PROBLEM.

4. THE NOW GENERATION - WHAT DOES IT MATTER ABOUT THE PAST? WE ARE ALIVE NOW, YOUNG NOW - ACT ON THAT, DISREGARD ALL ELSE
5. AND MANY SAY ALSO, WHAT DOES IT MATTER ABOUT THE FUTURE? ONLY NOW - AND SEEK, THROUGH ALCOHOL AND DRUGS TO OBLITERATE PAST AND FUTURE
6. BUT WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM IT - WE ARE BOUND TO PAST, TO FUTURE. WE ARE.....

LINKS IN A CHAIN

1. MAYBE THE LAST LINK ON END, BUT LINK STILL -
2. CHAIN NO STRONGER THAN WEAKEST LINK - YOU MAY BE WEAKEST LINK - ALL PROMISE OF PAST, COUNTLESS GENERATIONS OF HOPES, WORK, PLANS AND DREAMS BE DESTROYED - BY YOU

"THE PRECIOUS SONS OF ZION,
WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN FINE GOLD -
HOW THEY ARE RECKONED AS EARTHEN POTS,
THE WORK OF A POTTER'S HANDS..."
-- LAM. 4:2

INT. - 18 MONTHS SIEGE OF JERUSALEM
ASSEMBLY YOUTH SUNDAY

1. YOUTH, A PRECIOUS GIFT
1. LEGEND OF ROMAN YOUTH WHO ROBE THE CHASM.
2. A TIME OF BEAUTY AND PROMISE
3. SOON PASSES -

"YAH, THAT SPRING SHOULD VANISH...."
D. BEBE - "GASTELI TOSI A MINNA
MOCCIADE NESTE COLEGIU"

IDEALS FOR YOUTH

1. WORLDLY SUCCESS - CAREER, MARRIAGE, HOME - *How a little man ... big man*
2. COMFORTS AND LUXURIES VS. DISCIPLINE AND ADVERSITY
3. ONE THING VITAL - WAY OF GOD

VIA CRUCIS VIA LUCIS - "DENY SELF
TAKE UP CROSS AND FOLLOW"
III BACK TO JERUSALEM

1. DEATH AND DESTRUCTION - "THANK GOD IT WAS ONLY A DREAM!"
2. IT REALLY HAPPENED TO THEM, AND WAS RECORDED THAT IT MIGHT NOT HAPPEN TO US. EVEN NOW, NOT FAR TO SEEK WRECKED LIVES AND HOPES
3. DREAMS AND PLANS MAY CHANGE - NEW YR'S EVE, 1924 - ONE THING CERTAIN IS THAT NO SUCCESS, NO REAL HAPPINESS, EXCEPT IN GOD'S WAY

X Paul Harvey, 8/18/67, Told of Dr. Morris

"(I AM WRITING...SO THAT...) YOU MAY KNOW HOW ONE OUGHT TO BEHAVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD...." 1 TIM. 3:15

INT - MOTHER LOOKING DAGGERS AT ME IN CHURCH

1. AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH
1. TIM. DIDN'T HAVE TO BE TOLD HOW TO "BEHAVE" OR EVEN HOW TO CARRY ON CHURCH WORK, AFTER BEING PAUL'S HELPER FOR YEARS. HE DID NEED AUTHORIZATION, AND THIS LETTER PROVIDED THAT

2. APOSTLES HAD UNIQUE AUTHORITY IN CHURCH. THEY PASSED, BUT STILL AUTHORITY - SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT EVOLVED GRADUALLY, BUT ALWAYS AUTHORITY

3. IN SOME CHURCHES MINISTERS CALLED, OTHERS SENT, ALWAYS ACT BY AUTHORIZATION
1. HOW TO BEHAVE *OWAS TOSI* (TURN ABOUT, LIVE)

1. THAT IS, HOW TO CARRY ON WORSHIP AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

2. PAUL DIDN'T WRITE BOOK OF WORSHIP, OR BOOK OF ORDER, BUT LAID FOUNDATION FOR BOTH
3. NOW WE HAVE BOTH, PREPARED BY AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHURCH, REVISED FROM TIME TO TIME, BY CHURCH

4. HOW TO CONDUCT WORSHIP, OBSERVE SACRAMENTS, ELECT OFFICERS, SET UP BOARDS AND AGENCIES, ORGANIZE NEW CHURCHES.....

5. HOW? ALWAYS IN THE LIGHT OF FACT THAT THE CHURCH IS --

III THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

1. IT IS GOD'S CHURCH, NOT OURS (CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME THINK)
2. IT IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE, OURSELVES AND OTHER JOINED TOGETHER BY COVENANT REL. W/ GOD - SIMPLY FALLIBLE PEOPLE - WITH HOLY SPIRIT IN THEM
3. THE BODY OF X - LIKE HIM, HUMAN AND DIVINE
4. MYSTERIOUS, WONDERFUL, GLORIOUS, HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH

in Presbyterian system go

RECEIVE NOT THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN.

INT. - NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME.....

1. THE GRACE OF GOD

1. THE UNMERITED GIFT

2. HIM THAT KNEW NO SIN GOD STRUCK WITH

THE DOOM OF SIN ON OUR BEHALF.....

3. ON OUR BEHALF - ALL THEORIES FAIL TO

EXPLAIN ADEQUATELY, BUT X REALLY DIED FOR US

THE DEATH, AND IT WAS REALLY FOR US

4. TESTIMONY OF THE SACRAMENT

WITH FORGIVEN PLEASURES.....

BRING TO MY REMEMBRANCE.....

1. PURPOSE OF GOD'S GRACE

1. THAT WE SHOULD BE CHANGED....

WE DON'T WANT TO BE CHANGED, I WANT

TO BE LIKE I AM

2. BUT ALL THE PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION IS

TO MAKE US CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS

SON, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRST-BORN AMONG

MANY BRETHREN.

3. PURPOSE OF SACR. TO REMIND US OF THIS

1. RECEIVING THE GRACE OF GOD

1. NOT "IN VAIN"

IF WE RECEIVE THE SEED ON STONY GROUND, OR

GROUND FULL OF THorns, IT IS IN VAIN.

IF THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF X DOESN'T CHANGE

US, IT IS IN VAIN.

2. PARTAKING UNWORTHILY - IF WE PARTAKE

AND GO ON OUR WAY UNCONCERNED WITH CHANGE

IN OURSELVES, IT IS UNWORTHY

3. CHANGE NOT ALL AT ONCE

CON - AFTER LONG PARENTHESIS, "LET YOUR

HEARTS BE OPENED" 1. 13 - OPENED TO GOD'S

GRACE, AND THE CHANGE IT WILL MAKE IN US

THANKSGIVING OF FAITH

WE LOOK NOT AT THE THINGS THAT ARE SEEN,

.....UNSEEN ARE ETERNAL. - 11 COR. 4:18

INT. - THANKSGIVING - A DAY, A SEASON,

AN ATTITUDE, AN ACT OF WORSHIP

1. IS IT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO BE THANKFUL?

1. AFFLICTED, BUT NOT CRUSHED, PERPLEXED

BUT NOTDESPAIR, PERSECUTED, BUT NOT

FORSAKEN, STRUCK DOWN, BUT NOT DESTROYED

2. ALWAYS FACING DEATH - NOT JUST PAUL

3. TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS

4. SITTING ON VOLCANO IN INTERNATIONAL A

1. THINGS SEEN AND UNSEEN

1. THINGS SEEN - FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSES,

LANDS, STOCK, (2) CARS, GADGETS, PARTIES

2. THINGS UNSEEN - HONESTY, PEACE, LOVE,

BROTHERHOOD, KINDNESS, JOY, HOPE, MERCY,

FAITH, PATIENCE

3. THINGS SEEN - AFFLICTIONS, SICKNESS,

PARTINGS, FINANCIAL LOSSES, THIS BODY

4. THINGS UNSEEN - STRENGTH AND CON-

SOLATION FROM GOD, THE HOUSE NOT MADE

WITH HANDS

1. HOW CAN WE LOOK TO THE THINGS UNSEEN?

1. THE THANKSGIVING OF FAITH

2. GREAT ABUNDANCE MAY BLIND OUR EYES TO

THE UNSEEN, OR GREAT AFFLICTION

3. ELISHA - OPEN HIS EYES

4. MENDURED, AS SEEING.....INVISIBLE"

5. WITH ABUNDANCE OR AFFLICTION, WE HAVE

GOD, AND CAN BE THANKFUL

YEARS OF OPPORTUNITY

LET THEM GATHER THE FOOD OF THESE GOOD

YEARS THAT ARE COMING, AND LAY UP GRAIN....

---GEN. 41:25

1. INT. - CHALLENGE (POSTER) 30% ACR. BR

1. JOSEPH, THE DREAMER

1. GOD DOESN'T ALWAYS REVEAL HIS INTENTION

THRO DREAMS, LEAST OF ALL TO KINGS, BUT HE

CAN REVEAL IT IN ANY WAY HE SEES FIT

2. YEARS OF ABUNDANCE MAY PROMOTE WASTE;

USED RESPONSIBLY THEY PROVIDE YEARS OF

OPPORTUNITY *Opportunity is not money*

1. PRESENT YEARS *100 OPPORTUNITIES, not money*

1. YES, PRICES ARE HIGH, TAXES, TOO; BUT

NOW IS A TIME OF ABUNDANCE. MOST OF US HAVE

MORE THAN WE'VE EVER HAD BEFORE. NOW IS THE

TIME TO USE IT RESPONSIBLY. *Baruch 1928*

2. UPUSA \$50,000,000 CAMPAIGN IS AN EFFORT

TO BRING PEOPLE TO DO THAT. *China Africa*

3. OUR RECENT PIF WAS ANOTHER. (CITRONELLE

AMONG OTHER CHURCHES FAR BEHIND ON THAT)

4. \$1200 FOR BENEVOLENCES - WE SHOULD BE

DOING MORE THAN THAT. (WHY DO THEY ASK

FOR MORE EACH YEAR?) (ED OF W. MISS RAISED

MISS. SALARIES, SEC-COST OF LIVING GREATER)

ON EVERY FRONT THE NEED IS GREATER (IN

MISSISS NTS, THEY'D THINK WE WERE CRAZY

IF WE ASKED FOR THAT MUCH) *M. T. T. T. T.*

5. NOW, IN YEARS OF OPPORTUNITY, ADVANCE

1. OTHER AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

1. THE XIAN WILL - NO, I DON'T APPROVE -

....THINK THEY'RE GOING TO DIE!

2. YOUTH, STUDY - ADULTS TOO - NOW, WE CAN

DO THAT ANY TIME! CAN WE? WE CAN NOW!

3. SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

RESOLUTIONS

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME." --PHILIPPIANS 4:13

INT. "THE NEW SUN ROSE, BRINGING THE NEW YEAR".

I FACING A NEW YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE

1. UNCERTAINTIES IN NATIONAL LIFE, IN CHURCH AS DENOMINATION, IN THIS CONGREGATION

2. UNCERTAINTIES IN HEALTH, FORTUNE, OUR OWN PERSONAL LIVES -- NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1924

3. TEXT -- WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE, NOT IN OURSELVES, BUT IN X

II THEN LET US RESOLVE ON IMPROVEMENT

1. WHAT'S THE USE? -- LIKE PIE CRUST...

2. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN'T, YOU CAN'T -- LIKE WALKING TIGHT ROPE

3. SHEPHERD OF HERMAS, P. 284FF

4. TRUST GOD AND TRY, FEAR NEITHER EVIL FORTUNE, FAILURE, OR THE DEVIL

III WHAT CAN WE REASONABLY RESOLVE?

1. HOW MANY HAVE READ THE BIBLE THROUGH?

KNOW THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

SHORTER CATECHISM?

2. WHO WILL OFFER TO TAKE A TURN AT TEACHING THE ADULT CLASS?

3. HOW ABOUT REALLY STUDYING SS LESSON? IF WE WERE IN SCHOOL, WOULD WE GO TO CLASS WITHOUT LOOKING AT LESSON? (MAYBE, BUT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT APPROVAL)

4. WHAT ABOUT OFFERING TO TAKE A REGULAR TURN AT CLEANING CHURCH, RAKING OR MOWING LAWN, ETC.? SOME ARE DOING SOME OF THAT, SOME DOING MORE THAN THEIR SHARE; HOW ABOUT YOU?

5. MANY ARE IRREGULAR IN WORSHIP. WHAT ABOUT RESOLVING TO GO BETTER IN THAT?

6. OR A REAL EFFORT TO SING, EVEN NEW HYMNS?

CON. -- NOT ONLY RESOLVE, BUT DO IT! 1 COR. 8:10

DOES GOD LAUGH?

THE WHO SITS IN THE HEAVENS LAUGHS;

THE LORD HAS THEM IN DERISION. PS. 2:4

INT. -- "THE MAN WHO PLAYED GOD" MAYBE HE IS LAUGHING AT ME!

1 DOES GOD LAUGH?

1. ANTHROPOMORPHISMS -- CHILDISH WAY TO THINK OF GOD -- HAND, FINGER, EYE... LAUGH

2. IN WHAT TERMS CAN WE THINK OF GOD? HONEST TO GOD -- NOT "UP THERE", "OUT THERE"

REFORMING DOXOLOGY, "WHERE BELOW" TASOVEM

3. IF GOD IS NOT "OUT THERE" WHERE IS HE? "IN HERE"? IS GOD ONLY AN IDEA? AND IF PPL CEASE TO HOLD IDEA, IS HE DEAD?

II WHERE IS GOD?

1. PS. 42, PPL TAUNTED JEWS, "WHERE IS YR GOD? HERE ARE OUR GODS, THEY GIVE IS VICTORY"

WHERE IS YOUR GOD?"

2. JESUS ON THE CROSS, PPL TAUNTED, "HE CALLED GOD HIS FATHER; WHERE IS THE F. NOW? LET HIM COME, TAKE HIM DOWN FROM CROSS, AND WE WILL BELIEVE."

3. AFTER JESUS ROSE, "SHOW HIM TO US, WE'LL BELIEVE!"

4. WHEN, IN DESPERATE NEED, WE PRAY LONG AND EARNESTLY, NO ANSWER APPARENT, PPL SAY, "WHERE IS GOD? RUSSIAN DIDN'T FIND IN SP IF WE WENT FAR ENOUGH WOULD WE FIND HIM?"

6. USED TO BE COMFORTABLE, HEAVEN ABOVE, WELL BELOW, COVER TO COVER BIBLE -- IS FAITH WEAKENED WHEN CONCEPTS CHANGE?

7. FAITH SAYS, "WE CAN'T SEE, SHOW, PROVE!" BUT ALL MATTER, PERSONALITY, GOD IS & MORE

III HE WHO SITS IN HEAVENS LAUGHS

1. PSALMIST -- NATIONS OPPOSING GOD'S PPL

2. DOES GOD L. AT CHILDISH IDEAS, CRUDE WORSHIP? (OLD WOMEN SHOUTING) *...that a MAN*

THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY CONVERSION...

--- HEB. 6:9

INT. -- CROSSLAND'S STORY OF CONVERSION OF FLAGRANT SINNER -- BAPT. PRICER ASK, IS HE SAVED? ANS., HE'S IN PROCESS OF BEING SAVED -- BAPT. -- LORD HELP YOU! -- HARD TO BE SURE

1 "IF YOU LOSE IT, YOU NEVER HAD IT"

1. SOLEMN WARNING AGAINST APOSTASY

2. HEB. XIANS AT ROAD FORKS, SOME TOOK WRONG WAY -- PHPS DIDN'T "HAVE IT", BUT NEAR ENOUGH TO BE "ENLIGHTENED", TO "TASTE THE HEAVENLY GIFT"

3. A FACT OF EXPERIENCE, SOME APPARENTLY BEGIN XIAN LIFE, THEN BALL AWAY.

II FRUITS AND PROOFS OF SALVATION

1. LOVE TO X AND HIS PEOPLE

A. LOVE TO X SHOWN IN LOVE TO HIS PEOPLE, AND THOSE POTENTIALLY HIS

B. LOVE EXPRESSED IN CONCERN AND SERVICE

2. HOPE, RESULTING IN ZEAL

A. HOPE, NOT JUST WISHFUL THINKING

B. HOPE OF X LIKE CHARACTER, NOT OF BEING ACCEPTED ON FALSE PRETENSES

C. LIKE STUDENT WHO HOPED TO PASS, AND PUTS ALL HIS EFFORT INTO STUDY

3. SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, RESULTING IN STEADFAST ENDURANCE

A. NOT FAITH IN OURSELVES, BUT FAITH THAT GOD CARES FOR US, AND GIVES US RESPONSIBILITY

B. EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM -- UNDER CONVICTION OF GOD'S PROMISE OF GREAT DESTINY, WHICH DEPENDED ON HIMSELF AS WELL AS ON GOD

C. THAT DEPENDED, NOT JUST ON WORKS, BUT ON ENDURANCE -- ON HIS HOLDING FAST TO IDEALS

III THE END APPEAR TO BE REAL PROOFS OF SALV.

THE SPRINKLED BLOOD

"FOR YOU HAVE NOT COME..... BUT TO... JESUS...
SPRINKLED BLOOD THAT SPEAKS MORE GRACIOUSLY
THAN THE BLOOD OF ABEL." --- HEB. 12:18-24

INT. - GIRL WHO ATE COMMUNION BREAD AFTER
I WHAT MAY BE TOUCHED

1. THAT IS, TOUCHED TO YOUR HURT
2. TERRORS OF SINAI - GOD REVEALED IN SUCH
WISE THAT PEOPLE MOVED TO TERROR *Calvary too*
3. "FEAR GOD" - BUT NOT LIVE IN TERROR OF
HIM, OF INADVERTENTLY BREAKING HIS LAWS
4. IS GOD THEN NO LONGER TERRIBLE? CAN
WE TREAT HIM WITH CONTEMPT? GOD FORBID!
5. SACRILEGE IS A TERRIBLE SIN. GOD IS
HOLY, AND DEMANDS HOLINESS OF US; BUT IN
X WE BEHOLD THE LOVE OF GOD - NOT AN EASY-
GOING INDIFFERENCE, BUT SELF GIVING LOVE

II THE BLOOD OF ABEL

1. YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD CRIES OUT FROM
THE GROUND - A PROTEST AG. ALL SIN OF MAN
2. BLOOD OF X ALSO POURED OUT - CALLING,
NOT FOR VENGEANCE ON KILLERS, BUT PROCLAIM
MERCY OF GOD ON ALL MANKIND

III THE SPRINKLED BLOOD

1. COVENANT MADE BY MOSES - HEB. 9:19-20,
BLOOD SPRINKLED ON PEOPLE, BOCK, TENT, ETC
2. NEW BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, SHED
FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS
3. "WASHED IN BLOOD OF THE LAMB", SPRINKLED
BLOOD --- NOT LITERALLY, BUT WHEN WE SEE,
TASTE, CUP OF THE COVENANT, WE ARE MADE
MINDFUL OF THIS BLOOD, SPEAKING GRACIOUSLY

"AS FOR THE RICH... CHARGE THEM NOT TO...
SET THEIR HOPES ON UNCERTAIN RICHES, BUT
ON GOD..."

INT. - AFFLUENCE AND POVERTY - AFFLUENCE
RICHES ARE UNCERTAIN
-- 1 TIM. 6:17

1. DECEPTIVE, MAKE US IMAGINE A SECURITY
WE DON'T POSSESS

2. THEY CAN DISAPPEAR - RUST AND ROTTEN -
CRASH OF 1929 - IMPLATION

3. WE CAN DISAPPEAR - RICH FOR
I TRUST IN RICHES

1. TRUST - HOPE - *love of money*
2. THOSE WHO WANT TO BE RICH V. 9

THOSE WHO ARE RICH - BY INDULGENCE, BY
OIL ON THEIR PROPERTY, OR BUSINESS ACUMEN
- BERNARD BARUCH

3. HOW DO WE TRUST IN RICHES?

A. BY THINKING WE ARE SECURE WITH THEM
B. BY THINKING WE ARE LAYING UP TREASURE
IN HEAVEN - 11 OR MILLION; WE BUY NOTHING
IN HEAVEN

C. BY THINKING WE CAN CONTROL THINGS
WITH MONEY - \$50,000 TO COL. SEN. - \$300

NOTHING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS - IF CHURCH
DOESN'T DO WHAT I WANT, CUT OFF MY PLEDGE

4. CAN WE HAVE RICHES AND NOT TRUST IN
THEM? YES, BUT DIFFICULT; THEREFORE PAUL
WARNS US HERE, NOT TO TRUST IN RICHES, BUT
III TRUST IN GOD

1. TRUST IN GOD, WHO GIVES ALL WE HAVE, AND
2. IN GOD, IN WHOSE SIGHT RICH AND POOR
STAND EQUAL

3. TRUST HIM, AND EARN WHAT WE CAN
4. TRUST HIM AND GIVE WHAT WE CAN, HUMBLY

5. TRUST HIM, AND HOLD WHATEVER WE HAVE
AS SILENT TRUST FOR HIM

"We have an altar whereof those who serve
the tabernacle have no right to eat."

--HEB. 13:10

INT. - The Communion table is not an altar
I Eating the Sacrifice was part of the Sac.

1. Custom in heathen rel., also in Israel

2. No sacr. in Xian worship - After Constantine
heathen idea of sacr. came in, developed
RC doctrine of Mass *Not sacr. changed by*

3. Communion is not a sacrifice - we eat
and drink in commemoration of sacr. once for
all offered by X for us *Partaken only by priests*

Sacr. of atonement not eaten at all
II But We Do Have an Altar *Totally burnt*

1. Not a literal one, but we accept and
participate in Sacrifice offered by Christ

2. X is become both our Passover (1 Cor.
5:7) and our sac. of atonement (Lev. 16)

3. To the Jews this was an offense, that
the Messiah should be the cursed goat of
atonement, burned outside the camp

4. Yet Xians partake of him, eating his
flesh symbolically (John 6:43-58)

III They Have No Right to Eat

1. Accepting Jesus as both Messiah and
atonement, they cut thselves off from Israel

2. Terrible thing to be cut off from our
own people - cf. Xians in Hitler Germany

3. When we accept X as our atonement, we
cut ourselves off from the world - renounc-

ing anything and everything that comes in
conflict with him. Let us go forth, outside

camp, bearing reproach" Let people call us
"different", or whatever they may. We take

our stand with him, for him, forever

participating in this is *Communion*

THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR
"And he went out conquering and to conquer."
--Rev. 8:2

Int. - Hymn - The Son of God goes forth
Conquering and to Conquer

1. Jesus HAS overcome world (Jo 16:23), destroyed Satan (Heb. 2:14) overcome death
2. Yet, he is still conquering - "reign till he hath put all enemies... last enemy."
3. So also ourselves - we ARE saved, but are also BEING saved, and look to final Sal - We are forgiven, but still need forgiveness - we are victors (I Jo 2:13) more than Geng (Rom. 8:37) but still struggle

II A Spiritual Warfare

1. If it were only a question of ~~power~~ who could stand against Jd?
2. Xians took this idea literally - Charlemagne and Saxons - Inquisition
3. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal (II Cor. 10:4) - X is not seeking to DESTROY, nor are we, but to subjugate
4. Only those are subject to him who are so by their own wills

III Who Follows in His Train?

1. Who is able to open book?... Lion of J. has prevailed.... Lamb, as it had been slain
2. Are ye able to drink the cup...?
3. Not only suffering, martyrdom, etc. but of yielding our selves, accepting his will
4. It is his LOVE that conquers - only as we perceive, accept, participate in his L. can we become his soldiers

IV The Cosmic Struggle

1. Early Xians that soon brought to concl each life. transf. like X

"THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH... WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH..."
-- JOHN 16:13

INT. - PENTECOST INITIATED-A NEW DIMENSION IN THE ACTIVITY OF THE SPIRIT

I THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

1. WE WALK IN MIDST OF MYSTERIES, UNCERTAINTY - TRUTH, WHEN REVEALED, WILL GIVE ANSWERS
2. ARISTOTLE, LEONARDO, GREAT SCIENTISTS FOR THEIR TIMES. MANY UNKNOWN FACTORS RENDERED THEIR GOOD WORK USELESS TODAY
3. JESUS, MANY THINGS TO SAY... SPIRIT GUIDE... II THE SPIRIT SPEAKING THRO THE WORD
1. HE WILL BRING TO REMEMBRANCE... TAKE TH. OF GOD AND SHOW TO YOU....

2. CONF. OF FAITH, CH. 1, PAR. 4-10

3. MERE LETTER OF SS VAIN - ONE PASSAGE DON-TRADICTS ANOTHER; A THIRD IN CONFLICT WITH BOTH
4. ONLY THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE TO WORD, MAKES IT REALLY REVELATION - PAR. 10, SPIRIT... SS
- III HOW IS THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT TO BE HEARD?
1. SPIRIT WORKS, NOT ONLY IN INDIVIDUALS, BUT IN GROUPS, THRO INTERACTION BETWEEN MINDS
2. JESUS, WHEN TWO OR THREE MET TOGETHER, I (NOT PHYSICAL BODY, BUT HOLY SPIRIT) IN MIDST WHEN TWO OR THREE AGREE IN PRAYER.....

3. THE CHURCH IS GATHERING OF PEOPLE IN SPIRIT

4. PUBLIC WORSHIP, IN WHICH TOGETHER WE SEEK TO KNOW GOD THRO THE SPIRIT, MUCH MORE THAN INDIVIDUAL WORSHIP CAN EVER BE
5. CHURCH COURTS (MORE NEXT SUNDAY) MEET TO DECIDE ISSUES UNDER GUIDANCE OF SPIRIT.

IV GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH

1. HE WILL GUIDE - BUT NOT ALL AT ONCE. APOS FILLED W/ SPIRIT, BUT INCAPABLE OF WRITING NICENE CREED; IT TOOK 300 YEARS OF GUIDANCE; AND COUNCIL OF NICAEA... WESTM. CONF.
2. BUT NEITHER NICENE CREED NOR WESTM. CONF. HAS ALL THAT GOD HAS TO SAY. WE HAVEN'T HEARD IT ALL!
3. IS THE CHURCH CHANGING TOO FAST FOR YOU?

(STOP THE WORLD... SET OFF) LET THE SPIRIT

"Remember his commandments to do them."
-- Pa. 103:18

Int. - THIS IS MY GOD, by Herman Wouk
The strength of Judaism has been in doing
1. We are not Jews, cannot be, but our roots are in Judaism.

2. Sacrifices past
3. Ceremonies and special days ritual prayers, unleavened bread

The Sabbath - "I don't envy you your religion, but I do envy you your Sabbath"
4. Deut. 32:46, 7 "...be careful to DO; for it is no trifle for you, because it is your life." *Not saved by doing, but doing by faith.*
II The Danger of Attrition

1. Jews live in modern world, among ppl who don't observe these things. Why do it Too much trouble. Don't like to be diffn
2. Xians too, brought up to observe Xian practices, often get away. *Sgt. & Cabin*
3. No law (of man) to hold you to it, you observe because you WANT to or not at all
4. You observe because you believe in GOD, or else you drift away

III Be Ye doers of the Word - Remembrance

1. Reading Bible, prayer, Catechism
2. Regular attendance at worship
3. Singing in the choir - or out of it
4. Participating in SS, Men of Church, WCC, PYF -- What's the use, I don't get anything out of that,
5. No trifle... your life
6. Communion - this DO in remembrance all our doing - we need to cling to him, lest we be swept away, we, and our chdn.

"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH" - MATT. 5:13
 INT. - ROMANS THOT SALT PUREST THING, CAME FROM SEA AND SUN. NIHIL UTILIUS SOLE ET SALE
 "SUCH PEOPLE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH".

1 SALT IS TO GIVE FLAVOR
 1. ALSO TO PRESERVE - PLUTARCH, "SALT APPL. TO MEAT GIVES A NEW SOUL TO A DEAD BODY".
 2. FUNCTION OF XIANS TO GIVE FLAVOR TO LIFE
 3. THEN HOW ABOUT "LONG FACED XIANS"?

SWINBURNE - "THOU HAST CONQUERED, O PALE GALILEEAN, THE WORLD HAS GROWN GRAY WITH THY BREATH." IBSEN (OVER) C.W. HOLMES, "I MIGHT HAVE ENTERED THE MINISTRY IF CERTAIN CLERGY-MEN I KNEW HAD NOT LOOKED AND ACTED SO MUCH LIKE UNDERTAKERS".

4. BUT JESUS WAS NOT LIKE THAT - ATTITUDE TOWARD FASTING - EATING AND DRINKING - BUT CONTRAST ATTITUDE TOWARD BREAD - DISC. FORGOT TO TAKE IT, SO WHAT? ONE DISH ENOUGH

5. NO PARTY BOY - HE WAS A MAN OF SORROW.....

GRIEF, BUT HE DID LIVE A JOYFUL LIFE

6. THEN CHEER UP AND BE HAPPY! - *What's the point of being happy if you're not happy?*

11 FUNCTION OF XIANS TO BE PEOPLE OF GOD, AND THUS GIVE FLAVOR TO LIFE

1. "WE LOVE HIM BEC. HE FIRST LOVED US" - RECOGNIZING GOD'S LOVE FOR US, WE LOVE HIM, AND COMMIT OURSELVES TO HIM, STRIVE TO MAIN-TAIN XIAN IDEALS - NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFULLY
 2. AND THE VERY PRESENCE OF PEOPLE LIKE THAT CHANGES THE WORLD - GIVES IT FLAVOR
 3. DEDICATION OF BK - "TO WHO MAKES THE BEST SEEM EASILY CREDIBLE"

4. "I DON'T HAVE ANY REL., BUT MY MOTHER WAS A REAL XIAN" - EVANG. SAYS, "YOUR MOTHER'S FAITH WON'T SAVE YOU" - TRUE, BUT A MAN WHO CAN AT LEAST BELIEVE IN FAITH NOT WHOLLY VOID
 5. OUR TASK, BE XIAN, LV RESULTS TO GOD III A SERVANT PEOPLE

1. WHAT HAPPENS TO SALT PUT IN FOOD? DIASPRI
 2. "GRAIN OF WHEAT.....DIE..." - "SAVE LIFE...LOSE
 3. SERVANT PPL, NOT TO RULE WORLD, CONVERT, BUT BE GOD'S PPL, THUS SERVE WORLD
 4. WHEN YOU TASTE SALT, TOO MUCH - 14:22

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP."

INT. - FIGURES JESUS USED OF HIMSELF - BREAD, WATER, LIGHT, WAY, VINE, DOOR, SH
 GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE
 I REALLY?

1. RARELY, IN FACT - MORTALITY RATES ON SHEPHERDS NOT ESPECIALLY HIGH

2. BUT THEY CONSTANTLY FACED DANGERS, FROM ROBBERS, BEASTS, AND ELEMENTS

3. COME WOLVES, BEARS, WHAT'EVER, THEY WOULD DEFEND SHEEP, SOMETIMES ONE IN DEF, II WHY?

1. VELL, LIKE SAILORS, SOLDIERS, ENGINEERS, MINERS, DANGER WAS PART OF THE JOB
 2. BUT WHY TAKE THE RISK? LOSS OF ONE OF TWO SHEEP WOULD'NT BREAK HIM.

3. SURELY HE DIDN'T LOVE THE SHEEP! HOW COULD ANYBODY LOVE SHEEP? THOSE D SHP
 4. BUT THEY WERE HIS. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. WHAT HURT THEM HURT HIM. JUST AS

ALL THE GOOD SHEPHERDS ARE PART OF US - *John 10:11*
 1. IN OT, GOD OFTEN LIKENED TO SHEPHERD ISRAEL THE SHEEP

2. HOSEA, NEPHRAIM IS JOINED... IDOLS, LET HIM GO! "NOT MY PEOPLE" MYES, THEY ARE MY PEOPLE, TOO. "HOW CAN I GIVE YOU UP?"

3. ISAIAH, "ALL WE, LIKE SHEEP...." STUPID SELFISH, REBELLIOUS SHEEP!
 4. ONLY THE SHEPHERD MAKES IT A FLOCK, NOT JUST SCATTERED SHEEP, STMS AT COST

"Wine is a mocker"

-- Prov. 20:1

Int. - Decision of UPUSA Gen. Assembly

NOT, as papers said, that moderate drinking is OK, but while encouraging abstinence, recog. that many Xians, in good conscience do drink - supposedly in moderation

I Wine (beer, whisky, etc.) IS a Mocker

1. Deceptive - makes people think they are brilliant, witty, beautiful, successful

2. It removes from reality - forgetfulness

3. It promises happiness, does not deliver

4. Brings waste of substance, ruin of health

loss of judgment - *One day after the trial, we*

II But Is It Then ALL Evil? *think moderate*

1. If so, why not forbidden in SS? Why did X and apostles use it?

2. Not all people affected equally

3. Moderation often insured by scarcity - frugal by nature, scarce knew that temp.

was a virtue" - Intemp. gen. assoc. w luxury

4. It did preserve the sweetness of grape

those - *There are many ways to preserve this*

- also vitamins, not easily had

5. Wine and beer, less so spirits, have some medicinal value, used in proper mod.

may be beneficial to health. BUT...

III Offset by Growing Menace of Alcoholism

1. Waste of money - AT BEST, MAYBE it does not do much harm! *Traffic beyond*

2. Growing number of alcoholics - people susceptible in such manner that they lose control, drink more and more - Not ME, so

all said, disease? So is kleptomania, homicidal mania - but murder, stealing, still sin - *all v. awake to this danger?*

HOW VERY GREAT HIS POWER AT WORK IN US WHO BELIEVE. THIS POWER IN US IS THE SAME AS THE MIGHTY STRENGTH WHICH HE USED WHEN HE RAISED CHRIST FROM DEATH." -- EPH. 1:19-20

INT. - EASTER - TIME OF JOY - GOD HAS DONE A WONDERFUL THING.

1. THE RESURRECTION OF X IS NOT MERELY A HISTORICAL FACT

1. IT WAS A MIGHTY WORKING OF THE POWER OF GOD - NOT THE SAME AS WHEN LAZARUS OR JAIKUS!

DAUGHTER RAISED FR. DEATH (OR TRANCE) - THEY LIVED A WHILE AND DIED

2. JESUS, STILL GOD AND MAN, IS ALIVE FOREVER. REV. 1:18, "I DIED, AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOR."

3. IT HAD EFFECTS FAR BEYOND THAT TIME AND PLACE

4. PHIL. 3:10 - "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION" - PAUL, FAR

AHEAD OF THE REST OF US, KNEW THERE WAS MUCH MORE TO BE REALIZED OF RESURRECTION POWER

1. HOW VERY GREAT HIS POWER AT WORK IN US...

1. TO DESTROY ENMITY, CREATE UNITY - MAKE US, WHATEVER WE HAVE BEEN, PART OF HIS BODY

2. TO MAKE US NEW PEOPLE, WHO HAVE AS IDEAL THE PATTERN OF CHAPTERS 5, 6

3. TO GIVE US AS HIS GIFTS TO CHURCH, WORLD - MAYBE NOT APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVEN PASTORS

AND TEACHERS, BUT A FUNCTION SUITABLE TO OUR GIFTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

4. PRINCE CHARLES, WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE? TO KNOW WE ARE MARKED FOR STNG SPECIAL - DESTINED AND APPOINTED TO LIVE FOR HIS GLORY

1. THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED US

1. THE POWER THAT RAISED X WAS AT THE SAME TIME DOING STNG TO US

2. WE ARE NOT UNIMPORTANT COGS IN MEANINGLESS MACHINE - WE SHARE X'S IMMORTAL LIFE

3. EVEN IF NOW WE ARE: CHON, SUBJ. TO PARENTS, TEACHERS WIVES, HUSBANDS, BOUND BY MAR. RESP. SOLDIERS UNDER ORDERS, PRISONERS, SLAVES

4. POWER OF GOD WORKING IN US

"CALL THE SABBATH A DELIGHT"..... INT. - BULLETIN - LORD'S DAY 1844 188813

1. THE COMMANDMENT - REMEMBER THE S. HOLY

1. PEOPLE OFTEN THINK OF IT AS A BURDEN

AMOS 8:5, "WHEN WILL.....THE SABBATH BE PAST? SOME PEOPLE CONSIDER ALL OF RELIGION A BURDEN - MAL. 1:13, "WHAT A WEARINESS!"

2. LEGALISM - IT WAS A COMMANDMENT, OK, BUT LORDS IN JESUS' DAY CARRIED IT TO ASSURDITY, JESUS REVOLTED AGAINST IT - 3. MADE FOR MAN

3. LATTER DAY LEGALISM - S. CAT. "HOLY RESTING.....WHOLE DAY IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WORSHIP.....WORKS OF NECESSITY AND MERCY" - ROOSTER CROWS.....MONDAY - "NOT ON SUNDAY."

1. COM. WAS BECAUSE OF MAN'S NEED - BUT HOW CAN WE AVOID LEGALISM, STILL KEEP SABBATH?

1. BLUE LAWS? NO, BUT WITHOUT THEM S. IS GRADUALLY ERODED, DISAPPEARS

2. STORES OPEN, SOMEBODY MUST BE THERE, ETC

3. "I'D COME TO CHURCH IF ...ANY DAY BUT SUNDAY, MY DAY TO GO FISHING"

4. IS SUNDAY MY DAY? TO USE AS I PLEASE? DOES GOD HAVE ANY CLAIM ON IT?

5. DO WE OWE GOD 1/7 OF OUR TIME, 1/10 OF OUR MONEY? ISN'T IT ALL HIS?

1. CAN WE MAKE SUNDAY A DELIGHT?

1. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT FOR YOUR OWN AND STILL HAVE A HOLY DAY? *very hard, 7 day a wk*

2. IF WE CAN REALLY HAVE A DAY OF REST, GOOD - WE NEED IT - PRESSURES OF LIFE

3. IF WE CAN REALLY HAVE A DAY OF WORSHIP, GOOD - WE NEED THAT TOO

4. ISA. "DELIGHT THYSELF IN THE LORD" - WE NEED TO LEARN TO LOVE GOD - PROSPECT OF ETERNITY IN WORSHIP - IF WE HAVEN'T LEARNED TO LOVE, WORSHIP GOD, WORSE THAN HELL FIRE!

5. SUNDAY CAN BE A DELIGHT, FOR REST, FOR WORSHIP - BUT REQUIRES A CONSCIOUS EFFORT

1, 2A - COL. 2:16, ROM. 14:5, 6, SEEM TO SAY SABBATH OBSERVANCE NOT OBL. FOR XIARS. *who*

But commandment still says *day*

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But commandment still says *day*

FACING THE FUTURE

"LORD, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE; LET US MAKE THREE TABERNACLES....." -- MARK 9:5

INT. - XMAS BEGINS AT THANKSGIVING -- ENDS AT XMAS - TODAY THE DAY AFTER.

1. THE HIGH MOUNTAIN

1. CAESAREA PHILIPPI - "THOU ART THE CHRISTH 14.

2. THE TWELVE - THE THREE

3. THE MOUNTAIN - PART OF HERMON? "TO PRAY"

4. LUKE, "HEAVY WITH SLEEP" - EARLY MORNING? PRAY ALL NIGHT, WHILE THEY SLEPT? PHPS, AS IN GETHSEMANE, "A STONE'S THROW AHEAD" - SWIRLING CLOUDS, SUDDEN SHAFT OF SUNLIGHT, THEN CLOUD AGAIN?

5. GLORY BEYOND THAT OF MORNING SUN - NOT ONE, BUT THREE! WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE - GOOD

1. THREE TABERNACLES - SHRINES

1. PETER, ALWAYS IMPULSIVE, SPOKE OUT

2. HE WANTED TO HOLD ONTO THIS EXPERIENCE - TOO PRECIOUS TO LOSE - BUILD A SHRINE, TO HOLD IT

3. JUST AS PEOPLE (PARENTS OR CHILDREN) OFTEN SEEK TO HOLD TO CHILDHOOD, YOUTH -- OR TO ANY PAST EXPERIENCE, AS WAR SERVICE - SUREST WAY TO LOSE IS TRY TO HOLD.

4. JUST AS PEOPLE CLING TO OLD HOME CHURCH - COMPARISON, H. AND G. ROWE'S VISIT TO CITR.

1. FACING THE FUTURE

1. DAY AFTER XMAS - SOON TREE COMES DOWN, OUT WITH GARBAGE, DECORATIONS PUT AWAY - IF WE LEFT THEM UP, UTTERLY LOST, PAST AND FUTURE

2. "LEAVE FATHER AND MOTHER.....WIFE" - STILL PART OF FAMILY, BUT GOING ON TO NEW RELATIONS

3. WE CAN'T HAVE XMAS EVERY DAY, BUT CAN HAVE SON OF GOD EVERY DAY - LO, I AM WITH YOU.....

EVEN TO END OF AGE

On influence of conversion - show

THOU DIDST ASCEND...LEADING CAPTIVES...
RECEIVING GIFTS...EVEN AMONG THE REBELLIOUS
--PSALM 68:18

INT. - MESSIAH, "GRT WAS COMPANY OF PRGHR
1. THOU DIDST ASCEND

1. PSALM WRN ABOUT (POSSIBLY NEAR TIME OF
BRINGING ARK INTO JERUSALEM

2. IS THIS END OF STORY? GOD'S RESTING PL?
LATER, TEMPLE - SOL: "HEAVEN...CANNOT CONTAIN

3. PAUL - WHAT IT WAS REALLY ABOUT WAS
ASCENSION OF X - EPH. 4:1-13

II LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE - HOST OF CAPTIVES
1. FIG. OF TRIUMPHANT KING - CF. II COR 2:14

2. "MAKE ME A CAPTIVE, LORD"
III RECEIVED GIFTS FROM MEN

1. PAUL, EPH. SAYS GAVE GIFTS TO MEN - AND
WHAT SORT OF GIFTS? APOSTLES, PROPHETS,.....

PASTORS AND TEACHERS.....
2. WHAT WE GIVE TO GOD, WHAT HE ACCEPTS FR

US, IS REALLY A GIFT GIVEN TO US - PHIL. 1:29
"UNTO YOU IT IS GIVEN...SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE

3. THE ONLY GIFT WE CAN GIVE TO GOD IS
OURSELVES -- OUR SERVICE AS FAITHFUL FOLLOWER

OR AS SPECIAL WORKER - AND THAT IS HIS GIFT
TO US *Messiah, the church, the world - family to give*

4. AND HIS GIFT TO THE CHURCH, AS PAUL SAYS
IV EVEN TO THE REBELLIOUS.....GOD DWELL W/ THEM

1. CF. ISA. 65:2 "ALL DAY LONG.....REBELLIOUS
2. EVEN WHEN, IN OUR REBELLION, WE REFUSE

OURSELVES TO GOD, HE IS STILL CONCERNED WITH
US, SEEKING US, THAT HE MAY DWELL WITH US -

THAT HE MAY GIVE US THE GIFT OF GIVING OURSLV

THE LOVE OF X CONTROLS (CONSTRAINS).....FOR
...ONE DIED FOR ALL...ALL DEAD...THOSE WHO LIVE

...NOT FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM...
-II COR. 5:14-15

INT. - WHY DID PAUL, OTHERS, ACT THAT WAY?
(SOME THOT THEY WERE CRAZY) THEY BELIEVED

THAT ONE DIED FOR ALL. (BK OF MONTH) (HE?)
1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN WE SAY, "X DIED FOR

1. IT MEANS I WAS DEAD (WHAT) CENTURIES
BEFORE I WAS BORN?)

2. IT MEANS ALL WERE DEAD. 2. CAT. HALL MARKED
BY THE FALL, LOST COM. WITH GOD....."

3. DOES THAT MEAN ABRAHAM? MOSES? SAMUEL?
DAVID? ELIJAH? ISAIAH? JEREMIAH? EZRA? ALL

THE REST THAT TRIED SO HARD, DID SO WELL?
(AND STILL CAME SO FAR SHORT) - *Mat. 11*

4. THEY WERE GREAT MEN, DID WELL, BUT COULD
NOT ATTAIN ETERNAL LIFE APART FROM GOD'S GRAC

1. THO THEY LIVED AND DIED LONG BEFORE HIM,
THEIR LIFE WAS GOD'S GIFT, THRO X

1. NOT ALL EQUALLY DEAD, BUT ALL DEAD -
WHICH RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE

2. THEIR LIFE WAS BY FAITH IN GOD, WHO GAVE
HIMSELF IN X

3. THO THEY NEVER LIVED TO SEE HIM, HE DIED
FOR THEM TOO

4. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR ABRAHAM, MOSES,
ETC., HUMANLY SPEAKING, X COULD NOT HAVE COME

5. AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR GOD'S LOVE,
ABRAHAM, NONE OF THE REST COULD HAVE HAPPENED

- AND THAT LOVE WAS REALLY MADE KNOWN ON CROSS
6. HOW? HOW COULD X'S DEATH AFFECT THOSE

LONG BEFORE HIM? LONG AFTER? WHO CAN EXPLAIN?
BUT IT WAS SO - SO APOSTLES BEEN UNDERSTOOD

IT, SO WE STILL BELIEVE
III COMPELLING LOVE

1. DEC. HE LOVED, HE DIED FOR ALL, FOR ME
2. NOT JUST SO I COULD GO HVN, PLAY HARP, BUT

SO I COULD BE HIS - LIVE, NOT FOR SLF, F HIM
3. COMMUNION, WITNESS TO THIS FAITH - HE

DIED FOR ME, I BELONG TO HIM

IF I TOUCH EVEN HIS GARMENTS I SHALL BE MADE
WELL."

---MARK 5:28
INT. - "GOD *works* IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY...."

TV STORY OF MAN FEIGNED DISABILITY, PARALYSIS,
FOLLOWING INSIGNIFICANT INJURY BY BUS, SUED, G

1300,000, WENT TO HEALING SHRINE IN MEXICO TO
BE "HEALED" - BLIND BOY HEALED, HE WENT BLIND

1. FAITH VS. MAGIC
1. LADDIN'S LAMP (BUT EVEN THERE ENERGY WAS

EXPENDED, IT DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN)
2. WE ALL WANT TO SEE THINGS HAPPEN WITHOUT

RESPONSIBILITY - WIN FORTUNE ON LOTTERY, ATTAIN
SUCCESS BY LUCK, NOT WORK

3. PEOPLE THINK PRAYER IS LIKE THIS - LET GOD
DO IT! SAVE ME THE TROUBLE - IT DOESN'T COST

HIM ANYTHING
4. AFTER FEEDING 5,000 - HE'S OUR MESSIAH!

LET'S MAKE HIM KING, WON'T HAVE TO WORK ANY MORE
5. FAITH LIKE MAGIC - YOU JUST BELIEVE, AND

THERE IT IS!
6. INDESTRUCTIBILITY OF ENERGY ALSO MEANS

NOTHING DONE WITHOUT EXPENDITURE OF ENERGY
II FAITH VS. CREDULITY

1. THE WOMAN THOUGHT, "IF I CAN JUST TOUCH....."
BUT WHEN IT HAPPENED, JESUS FELT IT!

2. STORY OF CHINESE WHO PRAYED FOR ICE - MAIL
3. MIRACLES AT LOURDES, ET AL

4. GOD ACTS AS HE SEES FIT - AT TIMES HUMBLE
FAITH, EVEN HUMBLE CREDULITY MAY BE MEANS OF

GOD'S ACTION
III FAITH VS. ARROGANCE

1. HEATHEN REL. SEEK BY CHARMS, CEREMONIES,
ETC. TO CONTROL THEIR GODS, OR PROPITIATE THEM

2. MANY MANS THING, "IF I CAN JUST BELIEVE IT
I CAN MAKE GOD DO WHAT I WANT."

3. BUT WE DON'T EVER CONTROL GOD! *and love*
4. FAITH IS BELIEF, COMMITMENT, HUMILITY, TRUST

NONE OF THESE IS PERFECT IN US - COME TO GOD,
TRUST, TRY

5. IN STORY, MAN PUNISHED FOR PRESUMPTION,
PRIDE, *PRIDE* UNBELIEVED. IF HE HAD GOT BY HIS
IT, *WAS* HAPPENED TO HIM INSIDE